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SINGAPORE – Munitions, Services and Support for F-16 Aircraft

On 17 July 2002, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Singapore of F-16 munitions, services and support as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$120 million.

The Government of Singapore has requested a possible sale of munitions, services and support for F-16C/D aircraft which includes 2 MQM-107 target drones, 9 AIM-9 Sidewinder coolant bottles, 105,000 20mm cartridges, 36 AGM-65G Infrared Guidance Control Sections, 324 GBU-10 and 108 GBU-12J/B guided bomb units, modification kits, maintenance, flight training, spare and repair parts, support equipment, program management, publications and documentation, personnel training, training equipment, logistics personnel services and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$120 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for economic progress in Southeast Asia.

This proposed sale would support Singapore's current and future F-16 aircraft inventory. These short-range precision munitions will provide Singapore with a credible defense capability while avoiding the collateral damage associated with conventional gravity munitions. The long-term pilot training program in CONUS continues a professional interaction and enhances operational interoperability with U.S. forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Singapore.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.