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SPAIN – Standard Missiles

On 22 July 2002, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Spain of SM-2 Standard Missiles as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as $57 million.

The Government of Spain has requested a possible sale of 29 SM-2 Block IIIA Interrupted Continuous Wave Illumination STANDARD missiles (29 tactical missiles with warheads), 29 MK 13 MOD 0 canisters, containers, spare and repair parts, supply support, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is $57 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the military capabilities of Spain and furthering standardization and interoperability.

The SM-2 Block IIIA missiles will replace Spain's expiring SM-1 inventory and increase their stock levels. The missiles will be used on AEGIS F100 Class ships being built in Spain. Spain, which already has STANDARD missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles.

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

The principal contractors will be: STANDARD Missile Company of McLean, Virginia, and Raytheon Missile Systems Company of Tucson, Arizona. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

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

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.

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