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**Belgium – AIM-9X-2 SIDEWINDER MISSILES**

WASHINGTON, September 26, 2013 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress today of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Belgium of AIM-9X-2 Sidewinder Missiles and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$68 million.

The Government of Belgium has requested a possible sale of 40 AIM-9X-2 Sidewinder Block II All-Up-Round Missiles, 36 CATM-9X-2 Captive Air Training Missiles, 2 CATM-9X-2 Block II Missile Guidance Units, and 10 AIM-9X-2 Block II Tactical Guidance Units, 4 Dummy Air Training Missiles, containers, missile support and test equipment, provisioning, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related logistics support, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$68 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 NATO ally which continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The Belgian Air Force (BAF) intends to obtain these AIM-9X missiles as part of an overall military modernization program to better support its own air defense needs and to improve its interoperability with the U.S. and other NATO allies. The BAF will have no difficulty absorbing the AIM-9X missiles into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this weapon system will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems Company in Tucson, Arizona. There are no known offset requirements in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require travel of U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Belgium on a temporary basis for program technical support and management oversight.

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 and does not mean the sale has been concluded.