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**United Kingdom – Ship’s Signal Exploitation Equipment (SSEE) Increment F**

WASHINGTON, June 30, 2011 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress Wednesday of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of the United Kingdom of seven Ship’s Signal Exploitation Equipment (SSEE) Increment F, and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$90 million.

The Government of the United Kingdom (UK) has requested the sale of seven Ship’s Signal Exploitation Equipment (SSEE) Increment F, seven Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Modules (SAASM) GPS Receivers, and seven System Signal and Direction Finding Stimulator packages, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, support equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, logistics, and technical support services, testing, publications and technical documentation, Fleet Information Operation Center upgrades, installation, life cycle support, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$90 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to maintain and improve the security of a key NATO partner that has been, and continues to be, an important force for political stability and economic power in Europe.

The UK is procuring SSEE increment F as a Cryptologic Electronic Warfare Support Measure (CESM) replacement program for the Cooperative Outboard Logistics Update (COBLU) currently fitted on Type 22 Frigates and it will be the future maritime CESM system fitted on the Type 45 Destroyers. It is expected the UK will be able to fully absorb and utilize the Communications Intelligence (COMINT) system and capability.

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

The prime contractor will be Argon ST in Fairfax, Virginia.

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

Implementation of this sale will require the temporary assignment of three U.S. Government and seven contractor representatives to the UK to provide installation, testing, training, and support for one to two months per year through 2018.

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.