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<u>Israel – M933A1 120mm High Explosive Mortar Cartridges</u>

WASHINGTON, August 13, 2024 - The Secretary of State has approved a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Israel of M933A1 120mm High Explosive Mortar Cartridges and related equipment for an estimated cost of \$61.1 million. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency delivered the required certification notifying Congress of this possible sale today.

The Government of Israel has requested to buy fifty thousand (50,000) M933A1 120mm High Explosive (HE) mortar cartridges with M783 fuzes that will be added to a previously implemented case whose value was under the congressional notification threshold. The original FMS case, valued at \$0.41 million (\$0.37 million in MDE), included four hundred (400) M933A1 120mm HE mortar cartridges with M783 fuzes. This notification is for a combined total of fifty thousand four hundred (50,400) M933A1 120mm HE mortar cartridges with M783 fuzes. Also included are publications; technical documentation; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; studies and surveys; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$61.1 million. Deliveries are estimated to begin in 2026.

The United States is committed to the security of Israel, and it is vital to U.S. national interests to assist Israel to develop and maintain a strong and ready self-defense capability. This proposed sale is consistent with those objectives.

The proposed sale will improve Israel's capability to meet current and future enemy threats, strengthen its homeland defense, and serve as a deterrent to regional threats. Israel will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and services into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor will be General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems Inc., located in Quebec, Canada. There are no known 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 Israel.

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

The description and dollar value are for the highest estimated quantity and dollar value based on initial requirements. Actual dollar value will be lower depending on final requirements, budget authority, and signed sales agreement(s), if and when concluded.

All questions regarding this proposed Foreign Military Sale should be directed to the State Department's Bureau of Political Military-Affairs, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, pm-cpa@state.gov.