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**Japan – SM-2 Block IIIB STANDARD Missiles**

WASHINGTON, October 26, 2010 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress today of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Japan of 13 SM-2 Block IIIB Tactical STANDARD missiles and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$33 million.

The Government of Japan has requested a possible sale of, 13 AN/DKT-71A Telemeters, conversion kits, containers, spare and repair parts, support equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$33 million.

Japan is one of the major political and economic powers in East Asia and the Western Pacific and a key ally of the United States in ensuring the peace and stability of this region. The U.S. Government shares bases and facilities in Japan. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist Japan to develop and maintain a strong and ready self-defense capability. This proposed sale is consistent with these U.S. objectives and with the 1960 Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.

The SM-2 missiles will be used on the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force fleet and will provide enhanced capabilities in providing defense of critical sea-lanes of communication. Japan has already integrated the SM-2 Block IIIB missiles into its ship combat systems. It maintains two Intermediate-Level Maintenance Depots capable of maintaining and supporting the SM-2. Japan will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles.

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

The prime contractors are Raytheon Missiles Systems Company in Tucson, Arizona, Raytheon Company in Camden, Arkansas, and United Defense, Limited Partnership in Aberdeen, South Dakota. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives in Japan.

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.