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## **Japan – UGM-84L Harpoon Block II Missiles**

WASHINGTON, May 13, 2015 – The State Department has made a determination approving a possible Foreign Military Sale to Japan for UGM-84L Harpoon Block II Missiles and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$199 million. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency delivered the required certification notifying Congress of this possible sale on May 12.

The Government of Japan has requested a possible sale of forty eight (48) UGM-84L Harpoon Block II Missiles, containers, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor logistics and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$199 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States. Japan is one of the major political and economic powers in East Asia and the Western Pacific and a key partner of the United States in ensuring peace and stability in that region. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist Japan in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability. This proposed sale is consistent with U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives and the 1960 Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.

Japan intends to use the Harpoon Block II missiles to supplement its existing Harpoon missile capability. This sale will strengthen the capabilities of the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force and enhance its interoperability with U.S. Naval forces. Japan, which has Harpoon missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional 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 The Boeing Company in St. Louis, Missouri. There are no known offset agreements in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require any additional U.S. Government or contractor personnel in Japan. However, U.S. Government or contractor personnel in-country visits will be required on a temporary basis in conjunction with program technical and management oversight and support requirements.

There will be no adverse impact on United States 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.

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](mailto:pm-cpa@state.gov).