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## **Australia – CH-47F Chinook Helicopters**

WASHINGTON, April 29, 2021 - The State Department has made a determination approving a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Australia of CH-47F Chinook Helicopters and related equipment for an estimated cost of \$259 million. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency delivered the required certification notifying Congress of this possible sale today.

The Government of Australia has requested to buy four (4) CH-47F cargo helicopters with customer-unique modifications; eight (8) T55-GA-714A aircraft turbine engines, five (5) AN/AAR-57 Common Missile Warning Systems (CMWS); eight (8) Embedded Global Positioning System (GPS)/Inertial Navigation Systems (INS/EGI) +429; and two (2) EAGLE+429 Embedded Global Positioning System (GPS)/Inertial Navigation Systems (INS/EGI). Also included is mission equipment; communication and navigation equipment; spare parts and components; special tools and test equipment; publications and technical manuals; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, maintenance, technical, and logistical support services, and other related elements of program and logistical support. The total estimated value is \$259 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States. Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the region. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist our ally in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will improve Australia's capability to meet current and future threats, increase operational capabilities, strengthen its homeland defense and promote military cooperation.

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

These aircraft will be provided from U.S. Army stock. The purchaser typically requests offsets. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor(s).

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. or contractor representatives.

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. The description and dollar value is 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](mailto:pm-cpa@state.gov).