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Israel - MK-84 (Tritonal) General Purpose Bombs

WASHINGTON, April 20, 2007 - The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Israel of MK-84 (Tritonal) general purpose bomb units as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$65 million.

The Government of Israel has requested a possible sale of 3,500 MK-84 (Tritonal) general purpose bomb units, testing, support equipment, spares and repair parts, supply support, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$65 million.

Israel's strategic position makes it vital to United States' interests throughout the Middle East. U.S. policy has been to promote Middle East peace, support Israeli commitment to peace with other regional Arab countries, enhance regional stability and promote Israeli readiness and self-sufficiency. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist Israel in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability. This proposed sale is consistent with those objectives.

Israel has already integrated the MK-84 into its aircraft combat systems. It will have no difficulty absorbing these additional bombs into its armed forces.

The prime contractor will be General Dynamics, Garland, Texas. There are no known offset agreements in connection with this proposed sale.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government personnel in-country.

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; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.