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Switzerland – AIM-120C-7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM)

WASHINGTON, December 21, 2010 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress today of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Switzerland of 150 AIM-120C-7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM), 6 AIM-120C-7 Telemetry Missiles, and associated parts, equipment, training and logistical support for a complete package worth approximately \$358 million.

The Government of Switzerland has requested the purchase of 150 AIM-120C-7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM), 6 AIM-120C-7 Telemetry Missiles, 24 AIM-120C-7 Captive Air Training Missiles, 1 spare Missile Guidance Section, missile containers, weapon system support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documents, repair and return, depot maintenance, training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$358 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country, which has been, and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

Switzerland intends to use the AMRAAM missiles on its existing fleet of F/A-18 aircraft. The sale of AMRAAM tactical missiles gives Switzerland credible territorial defense capability by increasing its sustainment capability during defensive operations, and extending the overall lifespan of its missile inventory. Switzerland, which already has AMRAAM missiles in its inventory, 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 contractor will be the Raytheon Missile Systems Corporation in Tucson, Arizona. 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 Switzerland.

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.