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## **CZECH REPUBLIC – Sidewinder Missiles**

On 22 July 2002, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Czech Republic of Sidewinder Missiles as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$35 million.

The Government of the Czech Republic has requested a possible sale of 150 AIM-9M-8/9 Sidewinder missiles, training missiles, All-Up-Round containers, test and tool sets, support equipment, maintenance facilities, spare and repair parts, personnel training and equipment, publications, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and personnel services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$35 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of the Czech Republic and further weapon system standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces.

The proposed sale of the AIM-9M missile system is being addressed in conjunction with the planned upgrade of Advance Light Attack Combat aircraft (L-159). These missiles will enhance the Czech Republic Armed Forces' current air-to-air intercept capability to equal capabilities within their region of operations.

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Systems Corporation of Tucson, Arizona. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

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

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of several U.S. Government and contractor representatives for one-week intervals to participate in program review and technical reviews to the Czech Republic.

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.