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United Kingdom - MH-47G Special Operations Chinook Helicopters

On 11 October 2002, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the UK of MH-47G Special Operations Chinook Helicopters as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$535 million.

The Government of the United Kingdom is considering purchasing eight MH-47G Special Operations Chinook helicopters, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical data, communications equipment, maintenance, personnel training and training equipment, contractor engineering and technical support services, preparation of aircraft for shipment, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$535 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the military capabilities of the United Kingdom and furthering standardization and interoperability.

The United Kingdom needs these helicopters to fulfill its strategic commitments for self-defense/coalition activities and to enhance its military capability. The United Kingdom will have no difficulty absorbing these helicopters into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be the Boeing Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There are no 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 the United Kingdom.

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.