

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Canada - AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles

The Government of Canada has requested a possible sale of 97 AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM), 9 AIM-120C AMRAAM Air Vehicle Instrumented, 66 AMRAAM Captive Air Training Missiles, flight test instrumentation, software updates to support AMRAAM operational and training devices, missile containers, aircraft modification and integration, spare and repair parts, support/test equipment, publications, technical documentation, maintenance and pilot training, contractor support, other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is \$80 million.

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

Canada needs these missiles to enhance the air-to-air self-defense capability of its F-18 aircraft and provide for increased interoperability with U.S. forces. Canada will have no difficulty absorbing these missiles 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 Raytheon Missile Systems of Tucson, Arizona. 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 Canada.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.