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## The Netherlands – CH-47 and AH-64 Helicopter Training

WASHINGTON, August 19, 2024 - The State Department has made a determination approving a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of the Netherlands of CH-47 and AH-64 Helicopter Training and related equipment for an estimated cost of \$305 million. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency delivered the required certification notifying Congress of this possible sale today.

The Government of the Netherlands has requested to buy training in support of its CH-47 and AH-64 helicopter fleet. Included is training ammunition; Army Supply Class I-VI and VIII-X items; information technology (IT) equipment; ground components; parts and accessories; Installation Management Command (IMCOM)-related service support; U.S. Government and contractor personnel assistance; miscellaneous service contract support; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$305 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a NATO Ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve the Netherlands' capability for continued CH-47 and AH-64 helicopter training activities at Fort Cavazos, Texas. Fort Cavazos hosts personnel and equipment from the Royal Netherlands Air Force 302 Squadron. This training includes the AMERICAN FALCON exercise, which serves as a certifying event for Dutch military units and personnel to deploy abroad, who often support U.S.-led coalition operations.

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

A principal contractor is not associated with this proposed sale. 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 the Netherlands.

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

The description and dollar value are for the highest estimated quantity and dollar value. Actual dollar value will be lower depending on final requirements, budget authority, and signed sales agreement(s), if and when concluded.

All questions regarding this proposed Foreign Military Sale should be directed to the State Department's Bureau of Political Military-Affairs, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, pm-cpa@state.gov.