

State Dept. Approves Possible Sale of Mk54 Lightweight Torpedoes to Brazil

WASHINGTON – The State Department has made a determination approving a possible Foreign Military Sale to the government of Brazil of Mk54 Lightweight Torpedoes and related equipment for an estimated cost of \$70 million, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DCSA) said in a Dec. 1 release.

The government of Brazil has asked to buy 22 Mk54 conversion kits to convert Mk46 Mod 5 A torpedoes to Mk54 Mod 0 lightweight torpedoes. Also included are torpedo containers, Recoverable Exercise Torpedoes containers, fleet exercise sections and fuel tanks, air launch accessories for rotary wing aircraft, torpedo spare parts, propellant, lanyard start assembly suspensions bands, thermal batteries, training, publications, support and test equipment. The agreement also would include U.S. government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

Brazil intends to use Mk54 torpedoes on its Sikorsky S-70B “Seahawk” aircraft and surface ships.