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# Fiscal Year 2024 U.S. Arms Transfers and Defense Trade

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Arms transfers and defense trade are important U.S. foreign policy tools with potential long-term implications for regional and global security. For this reason, the United States follows a holistic approach when reviewing arms transfer decisions and weighs political, social, human rights, civilian protection, economic, military, nonproliferation, technology security, and end use factors to determine the appropriate provision of military equipment and the licensing of direct commercial sales of defense articles to U.S. allies and partners.

Given the multiyear implementation timeframes for many arms transfers and defense trade cases, the Department reports three-year rolling averages, in addition to annual figures. Each proposed transfer is carefully assessed on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with the Arms Export Control Act and related legislation, policy, and guidance. Major defense transfers and sales are also subject to Congressional notification and review.

## Foreign Military Sales:

In FY2024 the total value of transferred defense articles and services and security cooperation activities conducted under the **Foreign Military Sales** system was **\$117.9 billion**. This represents a **45.7% increase**, up from \$80.9 billion in FY2023. This is the **highest ever annual total** of sales and assistance provided to our allies and partners. In FY2024, we oversaw **16,227 FMS cases** with an open case value of **over \$845 billion**.

The \$117.9 billion figure for the FY2024 includes \$96.9 billion in arms sales funded by U.S. allies and partner nations; \$11.8 billion funded through the Title 22 Foreign Military Financing program; and \$9.2 billion funded through Department of Defense Building Partner Capacity programs and certain Department of State programs funded under the Foreign Assistance Act.

The three-year rolling average value for transferred defense articles and services and security cooperation activities conducted under the Foreign Military Sales system was for FY2022-FY2024 was \$83.6 billion. This represents a 49.6% increase from \$55.9 billion for FY2021-FY2023.

### FY2023 FY2024 % Change

FMS — Total Value \$80.9B \$117.9B +45.7%

FY21-23 FY22-24 % Change

FMS — Three-Year Rolling Average \$55.9B \$83.57B +49.6%

Examples of government-to-government [FMS sales notified to Congress](#) in FY2024 include:

Türkiye – F-16 Aircraft Acquisition and Modernization (\$23.0 billion)

Israel – F-15IA and F-15I+ Aircraft (\$18.8 billion)

Romania – F-35 Aircraft (\$7.2 billion)

Germany – PATRIOT Advanced Capability-3 Missile Segment Enhancement Missiles (\$5.0 billion)

Japan – KC-46A Aerial Refueling Aircraft (\$4.1 billion)

India – MQ-9B Remotely Piloted Aircraft (\$4.0 billion)

Republic of Korea – AH-64E Apache Helicopters (\$3.5 billion)

Spain – PATRIOT Configuration-3+ Modernized Fire Units (\$2.8 billion)

Saudi Arabia – System Logistics and Sustainment Support (\$2.8 billion)

Romania – M1A2 Abrams Main Battle (\$2.5 billion)

Japan – Tomahawk Weapon System (\$2.4 billion)

Bahrain – M1A2 Abrams Main Battle Tanks (\$2.2 billion)

Australia – AUKUS-related Training and Training Devices (\$2.0 billion)

Greece – UH-60M Black Hawk Helicopters (\$1.95 billion)

Norway – AIM-120C-8 Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles (\$1.94 billion)

Poland – AGM-158B-2 Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile with Extended Range (\$1.77 billion)

Poland – AIM-120C-8 Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles (\$1.69 billion) Poland – Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missiles – Extended Range (\$1.275 billion)

Poland – Airspace and Surface Radar Reconnaissance (\$1.2 billion)

Austria – UH-60M Blackhawk Helicopters (\$1.05 billion)

Saudia Arabia – Blanket Order Training (\$1 billion)

### Direct Commercial Sales:

The total authorized value for privately contracted **Direct Commercial Sales** (DCS) authorizations for FY2024 was **\$200.8 billion**, which includes the value of hardware, services, and technical data authorized from exports, temporary imports, reexports, retransfers, and brokering. This represents a **27.5% increase**, up from \$157.5 billion in FY2023.

The three-year rolling average of DCS authorizations issued by the State Department for FY2022-FY2024 was **\$170.6 billion**, which was a 23.5% increase over the period FY2021-FY2023.

### FY2023 FY2024 % Change

DCS — Total Value \$157.5B \$200.8B +27.5%

Total Licenses Adjudicated 23,474 24,691 +5.2%

Total Licensed Entities 14,861 15,220 +2.4%

## **FY21-23 FY22-24 % Change**

DCS — Three-Year Rolling Average \$138.1B \$170.6B +23.5%

Examples of major DCS Congressional Notifications (CNs) in FY2024 include:

Italy and Netherlands – F-35 Final Assembly and Checkout Facility Design in Italy (\$6.7B)

Japan – F135 Engines for Japan Ministry of Defense (\$2.3B)

Canada – Precision Optical Subsystems, Optomechanical Major Assemblies, & Optical Components/Subassemblies for the AIM-9X Sidewinder Missile (\$1.9B)

Poland – F135 Engines for the US Government (\$1.3B)

Italy, Japan, Norway – F-35 Vertical Tail Control Surfaces and Edges (\$490M)

At the end of FY2024, 15,220 entities were registered with the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls to conduct defense trade activities, which is a slight increase from FY2023.

Current year numbers are not predictive of future year sales, which may increase or decrease due to several factors, including fluctuating foreign defense budgets, regional security issues, and ongoing changes to defense trade licensing jurisdiction resulting in changes in technology and export controls.

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