Singapore, Denmark Plan to Join the P-8 Poseidon Club



A New Zealand Defence Force P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft. (Photo credit: Defence Public Affairs, Corporal Naomi James)

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ARLINGTON, Va. — In recent weeks two more nations have been approved by the U.S. State Department for possible procurement of Boeing-built P-8 Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft (MPA).

The Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) has announced that Denmark and Singapore each have been approved by the U.S. State Department for possible Foreign Military Sales of three and four P-8A aircraft, respectively.

The procurement of the four P-8As and associated systems and support services for Singapore is estimated to total $2.316

billion. The sale also would include MK54 lightweight tordedoes drawn from existing U.S. Navy stocks, the DSCA announced on Jan. 20, 2026.

Earlier, the DSCA announced on Dec. 29, 2025, the State Department approved the possible sale of three P-8As and associated systems and support to Denmark. The value of the sale is estimated at $1.8 billion.

The Defense Security Cooperation Agency delivered the required certification notifying Congress, the agency said.

Interestingly, the two nations have not traditionally operated long-range MPA. The acquisitions will strengthen the anti-submarine and surface warfare capabilities of allies of the United States and NATO allies.

The P-8A is operated by seven armed forces including the U.S. Navy, Royal Australian Air Force, Royal Air Force, Royal Norwegian Air Force, New Zealand Defence Force, Republic of Korea Navy, and German Navy. The Royal Canadian Air Force also has P-8As on order. All of these except the Royal Air Force previously operated versions or derivatives of the P-3 Orion. India also operates a similar version of the Poseidon purchased by direct commercial sale, the P-8I Neptune.