EIGHT MORE AW139S TO STRENGTHEN RESCUE AND BORDER PATROL SERVICES IN ITALY

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- **Contract for two AW139s for the Coast Guard and six for the Customs and Border Protection Service valued at approximately 112 million euro for delivery by 2020**
- **53 AW139s ordered by the Italian Government operators for public services to date**
- **Over 250 customers from around 70 nations have already ordered more than 1,000 AW139s, nearly 900 of which are in service**

Leonardo announced further orders for its **AW139** intermediate twin engine helicopter for **public service and security operations in Italy**, with contracts for eight aircraft valued at approximately **112 million euro**.

Eight more AW139s to strengthen rescue and border patrol services in Italy

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The **Italian Coast Guard** has signed a contract for **two AW139s** to perform **search and rescue missions**, with deliveries to be completed by the end of 2018, while the **Italian Customs and Border Protection Service** (Guardia di Finanza) has ordered six to perform patrol operations, with deliveries to be completed by 2020.

With these aircraft deliveries **both operators will have a fleet of 14 AW139s each**, allowing a further enhancement in mission capability and simplified logistics as they replace ageing AB412 aircraft. The **Italian Coast Guard** recently passed the **10,000 flight hours** milestone with its **AW139** fleet, having saved many lives in operation and providing evidence of the outstanding effectiveness, reliability of the aircraft and successful partnership with **Leonardo**. **Italian Customs and Border Protection Service** has been using its **AW139s** for a range of roles across the nation including mountain and maritime patrol and reconnaissance, law enforcement, **SAR** and homeland security.

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