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GOVERNMENT OF ITALY PURCHASES TWO CL-215 WATER BOMBERS FROM CANADAIR

The Minister of International Trade, the Honourable Ed Lumley, announced that the Government of Italy has purchased two CL-215 forest fire fighter aircraft from Canadair Limited.

The Italian government took delivery of the first aircraft on June 30 and Italian officials will take delivery of the second airplane on July 26 at the Canadair plant in Montreal.

This is the first sale by Canadair of its CL-215 to Italy which now joins France, Spain, Yugoslavia and Greece in the use of the fire fighting aircraft in the Mediterranean area. France has pruchased 15, Spain 17, Yugoslavia 4 and Greece 11.