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Still no transparency in Denmark

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It is still a big fight to get any official information about the Danish arms producers. The Minister of Justice has recently announced that he has a wish about transparency on the area of arms production and export. He also said, that his staff is working on a more detailed way of reporting - but has not published anything yet. And his ministry is still refusing to answer most questions.

The Danish "Ministry of Justice" makes an annual report, which is just a very brief list of permissions for production - with no company-names, no details and no export-information at all. And this very incomplete report with so limited information was very secret until three years ago, when they were convinced to publish it openly.

Some details on the export from a few companies have been released, but any summary requests are always denied.

Code of Conduct

Denmark has given some information to the annual report 1998 for the "Code of Conduct" - 219 permissions to export and 2 refusals. There is no information about the value. This is more information than before, but the names of the countries are still not published.

In the area of special control - Australia Group, Missile Technology Control Regime, Nuclear Suppliers Group and Wassenaar - the Ministry of Trade reports about 172 decisions in 1998, with "a minimum" of refusals. No further details are made public.

Federation of Danish Industries

The "Federation of Danish Industries" does not have *"any written material on the subject of arms trade"*. But they do have a sub-division called "Defense & Aerospace Association in Denmark", and they do publish a "Danish Aerospace and Defense Industry Capabilities Manual".

All material is *"only for internal use"* and will not be given to journalists. The Manual is of course quite uninteresting and provides little new information.

There is no business...

The sales of the defense industry in Denmark are happily not very good. From the cooperation deals (Industrial Cooperation Agreement) made by foreign companies selling to the Danish army, there is a total of 400 million dollars (3.5 mia kroner) waiting. This amount should be spent at the arms industry in Denmark, but the foreign orders has still not come.

The defense industry has an estimated sale of 120 million dollars (1 mia kroner) a year.