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Spanish Exports of Defence Material 1998-2007 (*available in PDF at web site*)

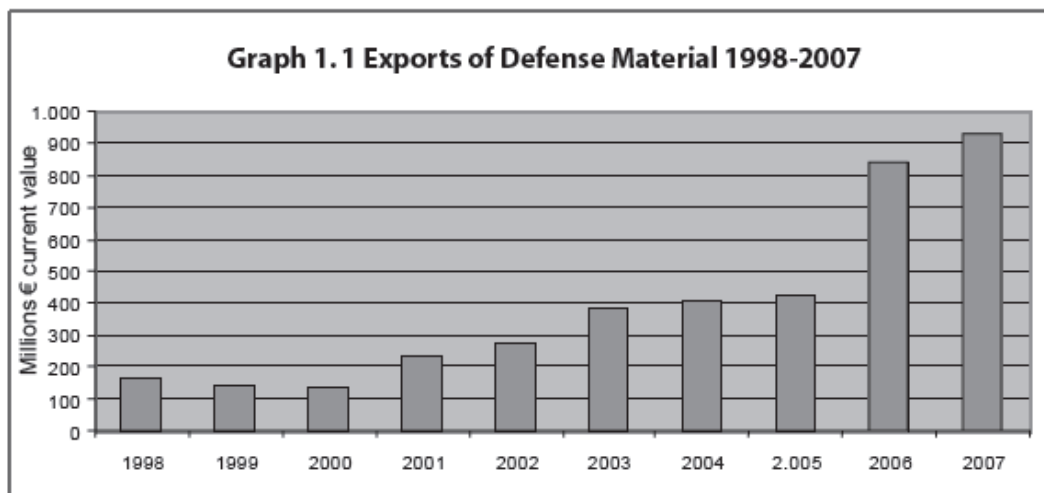
Spanish Military Expenditure 2009 (*available in PDF at web site*)

1. EXPORTS

Increase of exports over 2006

The key indicators of the last year were:

2007 Spanish exports amount in euros:	933 million
Percentage of the world's arms exports:	2.19%
Percentage of Spanish total trade:	0.51%
Increase over 2006:	10%



Source: General Subdirectorate for Foreign Trade in Defense and Dual-use Material
Graph by the authors

In 2007 year, the main category of exports was warships for 46 million euros (53% of the total) of which the most important sale was the F-85 frigate for the Norwegian Navy costing 267 million euros.

Regarding the destinations, 36% of exports went to European Union countries and 35% to developing countries. The 76% of EU exports, were to England, Germany, Italy, Finland, and Poland. Likewise, the 49% were parts and pieces included in European arms development

programmes: the Eurofighter made up 13% of exports with 119 million euros, the Leopard 3% with 30 million euros, and one Iris-T missile 1.1% with 9 million euros while lesser amounts involved the Taurus missile, the MIDS communications system, the A400M transport aircraft, the Meteor missile and the Mistral missile.

Export to countries in armed conflicts

Spain continues with its sales to countries in armed conflict. Especially important for known causes are the one related to Colombia and Israel. In the first case, after the absence of sales in 2006, now the sales return back for an amount of 16 million euros. In the same line, the exports to Israel have been increased to 1,5 million in 2007 after the 0,44 million in 2006.

After the events happened in last December and January, there are several civil organizations that are proposing common campaign against these exports extended to other countries inside and outside the EU.

Other cases of countries to which Spain exports arms that are engaged in armed conflicts, violate human rights, or have precarious welfare levels are Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, India or Indonesia.

Small arms exports

In 2007, the amount of the sales was 150 million euros. According to a report by the General Subdirectorate for Foreign Trade, Spain has exported small arms to Denmark, Egypt, El Salvador, the United Arab Emirates, India, Indonesia, Oman, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Sri Lanka but the report indicates that this only includes the exports going to the armed forces or public security forces. If we then consult Spanish exports covered by tariff code 93 in the customs database, we observe that far more countries receive small arms and light weapons. In 2007, the principal purchasers were the United States, the United Kingdom, Denmark, Germany, France, Ireland, the Netherlands, Portugal and Ghana.

This last case, Ghana, is a special one regarding the exports to poor countries. Ghana is a member of ECOWAS (Economic Community Of West African States), which in 1998 imposed a moratorium on the importation, exportation, production, and distribution of small arms and light weapons and the corresponding munitions. The same report indicates that various international organizations have warned of the uncontrolled proliferation of small arms and light weapons in Ghana, as well as of the danger of the illicit trade in such arms to and from neighbouring countries, some of which are experiencing armed conflict or post-armed conflict periods or are affected by serious tensions, such as Togo, Nigeria and Ivory Coast.

Public or private use of exported material

The 2007 report, which continued the work begun in the previous year, provides information for each country on the end user and use, indicating whether the end user is the armed forces, a private company or an individual, whether the use is public or private, and indicating the percentage of total exports represented.

If we take the four most important categories of exports in terms of degree of privatization: Categories 1 and 2 are weapons (revolvers, machine guns, rifles, shells, projectile launchers, mortars, etc.), Category 3 includes munitions for weapons in Categories 1 and 2, and Category 4 includes bombs, torpedoes, rockets, missiles, grenades, etc.) This information is matched with the countries where the weapons end up, to a large degree, at private companies for private purposes.

2006	Exports by category (in euros)				% for private use
	1	2	3	4	
Canada	67.012			1.031.850	99,6
USA	1.445.377	1.255.609	423.914	3.991.614	82,9
Belgium	6.875			1.694.062	35
UK	28.725			2.208.034	31
2007	Exports by category (in euros)				% for private use
Belgium				478.100	100
Philippines	49.820				100
Sweden				36.370	100
France		7.240	3.400	2.031.720	96
Austria	64.695				84
Portugal	35.188	4687	984		83
Israel	163.599			25.474	70
Italy				147.550	58
USA	560.523	126.250	10.989.749	5.084.438	52
Indonesia	25.000		136.784	3.665.548	51
Canada	700			1.131.081	45
Switzerland	1.640	121.595	2.074	160.882	43

Source: General Subdirectorate for Foreign Trade in Defense and Dual-use Material

What is most worrisome about this information is the fact that defence material and arms can be sold to private companies for private purposes. What sort of company purchases bombs, missiles and grenades? What sort of activity can it be engaging in? Just what conditions and principles could possibly make a company's use of such material legal?

These exports to private companies represent a significant percentage of Spain's total exports in the cases of the US, Indonesia, Canada, the UK, France and Belgium. The emergence, principally in the US and the UK, of multinational defence companies, such as Blackwater, ArmorGroup, Northbridge Services Group and Kellog, Brown & Roots in the 1990's makes one suspect that companies of this kind are buying weaponry, which makes one wonder: Are these exports, which involve Spain, part of a privatisation of war?

2. EXPENDITURE

The whole expenditure budget for 2009 was of 18,609 million euros that represented a reduction of 1,61% despite the 3% reduction announced by government.

Military expenditure per day	50.98 million euros
Expenditure per inhabitant & year	408 euros
Total military investments 13.04% of the whole state investment	3,233.55 million euros
Total military R&D	1,462.33 million euros
Military expenditure vs. GNP 2009	1,64%
Military R+D vs. Civil R+D	15,15%
Military expenditure vs. total state budget	5,11%
Military budgeted decrease vs. 2008	-1,61%
Military investments decrease vs. 2008	-14,75%
Military R&D decrease vs. 2008	-12,13%

3. OTHER INFORMATION

Anti-NATO European campaign

Centre Delàs participated and was present in the Anti-NATO campaign actions in Strasbourg last 3-4 April with other civil organizations and social peace movements. At this moment, there are a catalan network called "Aturem la Guerra" (Stop War) that are working in a campaign that ask for the NATO extinction.

Campaign "BBVA sense Armes" (BBVA without arms)

Centre Delas is working with SETEM and ODG in this campaign against the relation between bank entities and arms industry or trade. The campaign was inspired by former campaigns in Europe like the Italian "Banche Armate" or Belgian "My Money. Clear Conscience?". Centre Delas has been in three shareholder meetings: two of BBVA and one of Banco Santander. Also, the BBVA Corporate Social Responsibility department has been two times in the Justicia i Pau office to explain their last changes in their policy. Now the campaign are working in analyse other more little entities like "Cajas de Ahorro" (Savings Boxes, semi public entities that have the obligation to invest their earnings in social goods and welfare) (La Caixa, Caixa Catalunya, etc.)

Other campaigns and actions

- Campaign against Spanish presence in Afganistan
- Analysis of Spanish military related laws like Arms Trade Law, new Defence Law, creation of "Unidad Militar de Emergencias" (Emergency Military Unit)

Table 4. Spanish exports of defence material (in thousands of euros. current value)

Countries	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	1998-2007
United Kingdom	9,750.97	18,626.72	30,041.89	46,701.26	84,550.54	121,049.28	87,733.90	73,268.51	86,811.06	93,157.32	651,691.44
Norway	42.21	14.18	409.49	631.25	500.10	2,339.79	547.84	1,228.80	269,901.10	266,367.96	541,982.71
Germany	7,138.67	5,754.40	471.53	24,063.98	61,507.47	74,826.89	63,035.83	65,673.93	81,328.51	82,701.92	466,503.13
Italy	7,150.43	3,599.23	4,540.52	33,783.09	71,639.51	70,819.45	59,475.00	34,402.03	33,500.01	47,084.24	365,993.50
Poland		21.31	855.26	5.96		23,869.72	97,903.74	48,910.20	68.43	32,520.53	204,155.16
Chile	659.69		8.00	377.89	3.43	1,301.15	650.32	1,586.26	178,592.76	2,308.35	185,487.84
USA	15,922.72	17,703.94	23,993.59	26,155.28	13,546.64	7,270.31	6,002.09	6,580.44	17,126.55	38,343.10	172,644.67
Malaysia	2,553.69	715.68	2,544.04	2,323.81	1,787.65	277.77	274.45	134.09	62.83	152,939.03	163,613.04
Brazil	2,159.38	631.69	319.53	420.65	1,778.61		30.16	1.03	74,051.52	79,913.48	159,306.05
Algeria								110,578.80			110,578.80
Turkey	51,996.98	30,918.57	12,496.94	364.29	56.21	2,520.00	14.99	1.77	1,426.94	0.63	99,797.32
Morocco	5,850.91	5,994.24	8,097.68	28,341.05	6,647.95	433.38	3,637.98	9,229.49	16,824.34	11,133.80	96,190.82
France	14,600.01	21,492.33	1,062.07	12,447.56	5,581.29	1,455.82	3,625.85	1,447.94	10,489.79	16,881.94	89,084.60
Greece	426.04	1,873.05	3,783.96	233.43	4,199.32	21,495.96	3,047.88	20,262.06	22,833.97	5,266.20	83,421.87
Saudi Arabia	11,478.33	42.31	9,945.11	26,295.02			23,262.26	1,984.98	5,851.11	1,876.66	80,735.79
Ecuador	273.58	129.27	10.10	4.47		2,030.71	20,153.88	32,254.71	216.63	54.25	55,127.60
Jordan	173.23	2.69	513.70		483.87	20,456.48	20,250.00		600.00	0.35	42,480.32
Colombia	12,964.34		361.89	98.40	438.30	11,478.12	961.42	152.00		16,022.45	42,476.92
Finland			1,208.03	5.12		20.00		201.15	1,504.54	36,359.92	39,298.77
Iceland	3,244.70	7,075.02	13,474.48								23,794.20
India		4,604.25	8,528.61	1,143.87	3,389.81	67.92			1,645.60	261.46	19,641.52
Portugal	560.11	1,420.02	3.38	11,912.80		0.75	4,586.82	228.39	261.48	234.57	19,208.32
Belgium	2,925.94		3.73	1,042.18	1,184.32	1,154.43	1,879.73	5,787.27	1,700.94	809.60	16,488.12
Israel	4,497.30	1,533.71	4,909.68	487.97	1,597.10	1,005.80	35.26	273.73	441.34	1,515.93	16,297.81
Venezuela	276.49	102.40	247.51	29.91	3,625.08	2,527.03	1,703.80		3,241.05	4,290.13	16,043.39
Netherlands	474.25	395.91	6,101.04	106.67	473.66	119.42	16.37	689.60	861.75	4,660.56	13,899.21
Australia	5.73	205.04	23.21	1.67	6.60	1,516.22	10.42	211.92	9,042.34	1,106.94	12,130.10
Kuwait	174.29	2,701.55		2,808.96	1,850.76	3,121.06	3.50				10,660.12
Singapore	1.70	12.97	9.41	338.41			523.99	1,051.09	1,412.33	6,021.92	9,371.81

Countries	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	1998-2007
Surinam		9,287.48	25.40								9,312.88
Indonesia	13.11	32.82	115.27	42.84	725.04	206.53	1,280.53	820.90	2,048.63	3,827.31	9,112.98
Denmark	54.00		109.96	121.77	33.00			0.00	1,348.41	7,125.24	8,792.38
Austria	263.56		0.60				1,312.51	67.18	1,034.20	4,584.03	7,262.08
Canada		631.69	0.81	46.84	753.82	903.04	661.61	1,214.09	1,098.86	1,131.78	6,442.54
New Zealand			270.12						5,972.54		6,242.65
Botswana									5,973.56		5,973.56
Egypt	320.05	373.41	442.86	1,327.36	1,504.89	429.95	628.47	136.73	168.30	385.59	5,717.60
Paraguay	5.90					5,568.28					5,574.18
Switzerland	285.14	74.49	39.38	1,904.56	20.21	756.19	3.53	11.08	721.15	518.64	4,334.39
Qatar					25.60	462.41	204.26	184.84	2,267.01	1,187.72	4,331.83
Greenland	2,150.61	2,150.61									4,301.22
Bahrain				758.71					702.30	2,323.49	3,784.49
Philippines	711.29	486.03	711.80	1,070.18	207.21	238.20	81.38			49.82	3,555.90
Thailand	469.19	23.79	18.81	305.32	174.50	93.61	1,581.30	80.24	671.41		3,418.17
Oman	1,077.33	616.88	69.80			1.23	7.29	65.18	95.01	1,267.68	3,200.39
Ireland	0.75		0.21	31.19		510.00				2,612.50	3,154.65
Slovenia	22.68	24.18								2,721.05	2,767.90
Pakistan	35.44	308.08	27.00	242.58					1,037.78	971.07	2,621.95
United Arab Emirates		0.72	24.01	52.69	1,980.10	122.80	12.29	7.38	38.42	75.90	2,314.30
Uruguay	4.72		19.85	8.65	2,108.60				15.00		2,156.82
Peru	1,441.48	1.57			1.99	87.48	14.16	27.24	145.69	156.70	1,876.32
Sri Lanka			23.57	1,624.48		79.24	0.42		2.00	2.00	1,731.71
Argentina	321.57	201.77	369.54	775.30	9.23	17.66	10.87	1.80	3.20		1,710.95
Sweden	212.51		3.25	1,329.76				63.65	27.88	36.37	1,673.42
Rumania						3.76			767.47	726.59	1,497.82
Angola	0.18			30.00	1,161.20	55.47	185.00				1,431.85
Costa Rica	11.97	12.46	50.15	27.80	137.96	2.14	1.77			1,101.92	1,346.17
Bulgaria	304.46	855.19	0.73						19.99		1,180.37
Czech Republic	33.17	33.79	594.27	84.41					108.00	117.33	970.97
Cyprus			885.00				80.00				965.00

Countries	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	1998-2007
Ghana					15.35	888.90					904.25
Mexico					636.60		195.36	48.04	5.30	14.00	899.30
Cameroon			369.92			462.99		0.90	0.90		834.72
Dominican Republic			186.54	431.85		129.64		0.00			748.03
South Africa	131.24	20.08	10.75					0.00	501.50		663.56
Bolivia		197.72	99.23			53.80			300.00		650.75
El Salvador	31.27	24.69	5.74			446.59	5.15			124.15	637.58
Panama	12.58			452.52		166.50				1.69	633.29
Luxemburg				7.08	244.75	53.04	186.93	17.59	49.21	5.54	564.13
Iran	432.92		51.65		0.35						484.92
Bangla Desh		439.41									439.41
Tunisia							22.45	368.00			390.45
Nicaragua			46.40	343.21							389.61
Burkina Faso		197.72				53.80					251.52
Cuba	37.64	29.20	133.58	3.48	22.78	23.59					250.27
Andorra	3.94	2.27	1.43	7.20	34.43	38.57	30.59	28.68	45.78	20.19	213.08
Kenya								162.88			162.88
Guatemala	22.15	56.77									78.92
Zimbabwe	75.99						1.50				77.49
Serbia and Montenegro						75.09					75.09
Lebanon						64.12					64.12
Moldova					63.98						63.98
South Korea									48.43		48.43
Trinidad and Tobago									30.00		30.00
Estonia				29.49							29.49
Hungary	20.24		2.60					0.50	2.43	1.60	27.38
Libya									25.95		25.95
Turkmenistan	23.30										23.30
Tanzania									0.00	12.00	12.00
Georgia	10.56										10.56

Countries	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	1998-2007
Kazakhstan							6.10			1.10	7.20
Mauritius	4.53										4.53
Syria	4.53										4.53
Kirguizstan								3.00	0.70		3.70
Guinea Bissau										3.12	3.12
Mongolia										1.60	1.60
Haiti								1.43			1.43
Lithuania		1.35									1.35
Slovakia	1.33										1.33
Honduras		0.52									0.52
Liechtenstein									0.40		0.40
Senegal										0.39	0.39
Mauritania								0.30			0.30
Total	163,852.97	141,655.17	138,674.61	231,184.22	274,709.81	383,152.05	405,880.90	419,451.80	845,074.34	932,941.36	

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