Historical record of the Spanish agro-alimentary exports, surpassing in value the 50.000M€

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Food and Environment **has published the Advance of the Annual Foreign Trade Report 2017, in which it is noted that Spanish exports during the past year have broken a historical record when exceeding in value, for the first time, 50,000 million euros.**

The Progress Report states that exports from the agri-food and fishing sector reached 50,039 million euros last year, with an increase of 6.8% over 2016 (*).

> Imports accounted for 37,979 million euros, which generated a balance of 12,061 million, assuming an improvement of 4.5% over the previous period

The exports of the agri-food and fishing sector constituted 18.1% of the exports of the national economy as a whole.

Spain thus ranks as the fourth EU exporter of agri-food goods, being surpassed only by the Netherlands, Germany and France

Regarding the destination of exports, although the EU continues to be our main customer, with a share of 73%, the diversification of the markets continues. *The exported value reached the figure of 36,772 million euros, representing an interannual increase of 6.3%. The first commercial partner was France (€ 8,019m, + 4.7%), followed by Germany (€ 5,624m, + 2.7%), and Italy (€ 5,601m, + 14.3%)*.

Regarding third countries, exports reached 13,267 million euros, representing 8.3% more than the previous year

The first non-EU market for our products was the United States (€ 1,999m, + 9.3%), followed by China (€ 1,478m, + 3.0%), and Japan (€ 901m, + 16.3%).

Regarding the export data by sector: meats grew by 9.3% to € 5,704 million, vegetables 2.2% (€ 6,033 million), fruit 0.6% (€ 8,294 million), oils and fats 16.3% (4.938M €) and beverages 6.7% (4.156M €).

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