

# [ES] Amendment to the Criminal Code to Punish Possession or Distribution of Audio-Visual Works containing Child Pornography

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The Spanish Parliament has approved an Act amending the provisions of the 1995 Spanish Criminal Code that regulate sex-related crimes. The final text of the Act mainly coincides with the text of the bill presented by the Government in 1997. According to the new version of Art. 189 (1) (b) of the Spanish Criminal Code, the production, sale, distribution and exhibition of pornographic material in which children have participated shall be punished with one to three years' imprisonment, even if the material has been taken from abroad or if its origin is unknown. The possession of materials of this kind shall be punished with one to two years' imprisonment. Art. 189 (2) establishes that the punishment for committing these offences shall be increased if the culprit belongs to an organisation created to perform these activities.

