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**Alenia Aeronautica: delivery of two C-27Js to the Hellenic Air Force. By this summer eight C-27Js in service in Greece**

Alenia Aeronautica, a Finmeccanica company, has delivered to the Hellenic Air Force two C-27Js to be added to another two aircraft already in service with the 354 Tactical Airlift Squadron, based at Elefsis, near Athens.

A fifth C-27J for the Hellenic Air Force has been transferred from Turin to the Greek base, waiting for the formal acceptance and the entry into service, planned for the next few weeks.

Another three C-27Js for Greece have already passed, at Alenia Aeronautica in Turin-Caselle, the preliminary acceptance by the Greek evaluation committee and will therefore be transferred to Greece for the formal acceptance and delivery to the 354 Air Squadron. By the summer eight C-27Js are envisaged to be in service at Elefsis.

At the end of August 2007 there will be the start in Caselle of the preliminary acceptance procedure for the ninth C-27J, the first of four aircraft equipped with the IFRRS system (In Flight Refuelling Receiver System) for flight-refuelling, that is envisaged to complete the formal acceptance process and delivery by the year end.

Three further aircraft, all provided with the flight-refuelling advanced system, shall be delivered by 2008, this way fulfilling the supply of the 12 airlifters ordered by the Hellenic Air Force in 2003. Another three aircraft might be added, being under an option that the Hellenic Air Force has the right to confirm by the year end.