

BELGIUM

Was the 2024 annual report submitted?	Yes – On time	Was the 2024 annual report made public?	Yes		
Was data withheld for 'commercial sensitivity/ national security-related' reasons?	Yes	What reporting template was used?	ATT reporting template 2021		
Were reports submitted in previous years in which reports were due?	2020 ☒	2021 ☒	2022 ☒	2023 ☒	2024 ☒
Were submitted reports made publicly available?	2020 ☒	2021 ☒	2022 ☒	2023 ☒	2024 ☒

REPORTING PRACTICE SUMMARY – 2024

Belgium continued to report a combination of **Authorized** and **Actual Numbers** of major conventional arms exports. It continued reporting **Actual Numbers** of SALW exports, as well as **Authorized Values** of exports under voluntary national categories.¹

Belgium reported a combination of **Authorized** and **Actual Numbers** of major conventional arms imports, as opposed to 2023 when it solely reported **Actual Numbers**. Belgium continued to report **Authorized Values** of arms imports under voluntary national categories.

GOOD PRACTICES

Belgium reported exports and imports of major conventional arms and small arms and light weapons, and disaggregated transfers by weapon category, sub-category and trading partner.

Belgium provided the values of transfers it reported under a national category.

Belgium specified where information was being 'withheld for security reasons', for which arms category and transfer (export of AIM9M Sidewinder missiles to Ukraine), and also disclosed what type of information was being withheld (number).

Belgium provided a description for all transfers of major conventional arms, as well as for exports of small arms and light weapons.

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

Belgium could identify the importing States for exports of small arms and light weapons.

Belgium could indicate clearly that there were no transfers of specific categories and sub-categories of arms, rather than leaving the relevant sections of the reporting template blank.

Belgium could provide descriptions of items for transfers reported under a national category, as well as comments for all reported transfers.

TRANSFER SUMMARY – 2024: EXPORT DATA

- Belgium reported exports to a total of 53 countries and non-UN members. Of these, 37 were ATT States Parties, five were Signatories and nine were non-States Parties (Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Somalia and Tunisia).²
- Belgium reported the export of 299 major conventional arms. These were missiles (56.5 per cent) and armoured combat vehicles (43.5 per cent).
- The main importers of Belgian exports of major conventional arms were Denmark (48.5 per cent), the Czech Republic (33.4 per cent) and Ukraine (10.0 per cent).
- Belgium reported the export of 5,627 small arms and light weapons, covering five sub-categories. The majority were assault rifles (71.5 per cent), portable anti-tank missile launchers and rocket systems (17.8 per cent) and 'other small arms' (8.9 per cent).
- Under national categories, Belgium reported ML1 exports valued at €216m (US\$224m). By value, the main importers of ML1 from Belgium were the United States (14.0 per cent), the United Kingdom (13.2 per cent) and France (13.1 per cent).

TRANSFER SUMMARY – 2024: IMPORT DATA

- Belgium reported imports from 28 countries. Of these, 23 were ATT States Parties, three were Signatories and two were non-States Parties (India and Saudi Arabia).
- Belgium reported the import of 24 major conventional arms, being missiles (83.3 per cent) and manned combat aircraft (16.7 per cent) from the United States.
- Belgium did not report any imports of small arms and light weapons.
- Under national categories, Belgium reported ML1 imports valued at €72.8m (US\$75.3m). By value, the main exporters of ML1 to Belgium were Japan (26.5 per cent), the United States (21.1 per cent) and the United Kingdom (18.8 per cent).

¹ Belgium reported the export and import of items under the European Common Military List ML1 (smooth-bore weapons with a calibre of less than 20 mm, other arms and automatic weapons with a calibre of 12.7 mm (calibre 0.50 inches) or less).

² Belgium reported exports to two non-UN members ('Greenland (Denmark)' and Taiwan).