

JAPAN

Was the 2024 annual report submitted?	Yes – On time ¹	Was the 2024 annual report made public?	Yes		
Was data withheld for 'commercial sensitivity/national security-related' reasons?	No	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

Japan reported **Actual Numbers** of light weapons exports. It continued to report **Actual Numbers** and **Values** of small arms exports.

Japan continued to report **Actual Numbers** of major conventional arms and light weapons imports, and **Actual Numbers** and **Values** of small arms imports.

Japan continued to provide additional information on small arms transfers, in two separate tables, using the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS Codes) of the World Customs Organization.

GOOD PRACTICES

Japan clearly disaggregated transfers by weapon category, sub-category and trading partner.

Japan provided numbers and values for all transfers of small arms.

Japan indicated there were no reported transfers of specific categories and sub-categories of arms.

Japan provided descriptions for all transfers of light weapons and imports of major conventional arms.

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

Japan could provide descriptions and comments for all reported transfers.

Japan's use of HS Codes to report transfers of small arms meant the data provided did not correspond directly to the categorization within the ATT reporting template, making it difficult to comparatively analyze transfer data.

TRANSFER SUMMARY – 2024: EXPORT DATA

- Japan reported exports to 15 countries. Of these, 14 were ATT States Parties and one was a Signatory.
- Japan did not report any exports of major conventional arms.
- Japan reported the export of 116,682 small arms and light weapons with a total value of ¥6.37b (US\$42.1m). The vast majority were small arms reported using HS codes (99.7 per cent), particularly 'other sporting, hunting, or target-shooting rifles' (86.4 per cent) and 'other sporting, hunting, or target-shooting shotguns, including combination shotgun-rifles' (13.3 per cent). The rest were recoilless rifles (0.3 per cent) and mortars of calibres less than 75mm (0.02 per cent).
- In terms of units, the main importers of small arms and light weapons from Japan were the United States (78.0 per cent), Belgium (15.5 per cent) and Australia (3.6 per cent).

TRANSFER SUMMARY – 2024: IMPORT DATA

- Japan reported imports from 14 countries. Of these, 12 were ATT States Parties and two were Signatories.
- In terms of major conventional arms, Japan reported the import of one manned combat aircraft from the United States.
- Japan reported the import of 7,707 small arms and light weapons with a total value of ¥8.95b (US\$59.1m). The vast majority were small arms reported using HS codes (99.7 per cent). The rest were mortars of calibres less than 75mm (0.2 per cent) and recoilless rifles (0.1 per cent).
- In terms of units, the main exporters of small arms and light weapons to Japan were Germany (35.1 per cent), Italy (30.4 per cent) and the United States (8.8 per cent).

¹ Japan submitted its 2024 annual report before the deadline of 7 June 2025 and updated its report after the ATT Monitor cut-off date of 1 February 2026. The ATT Monitor's analysis of Japan's annual report is based on the version of the report that was published on the ATT Secretariat website as of 1 February 2026.