

## BELGIUM

Was an annual report submitted by 31 May 2019?	Yes
Was the Annual Report made public?	Yes
Was a 'nil' report submitted for exports or imports in 2018?	No
Was data withheld for 'commercial sensitivity/national security-related' reasons?	No
What type of report was submitted?	ATT reporting template



### Good practices:

Belgium provided descriptions of all reported exports and imports of major conventional weapons and/or comments describing the end-use and/or end-user, after doing so selectively in 2017.

Belgium provided both numbers and values of reported exports and imports of major conventional weapons, after mostly providing only values in 2017. It also reported additional small arms imports and exports aggregated by exporting/importing countries, which it did not do in 2017.

Belgium continued to report on voluntary national categories in 2018, though it did not indicate it was doing so by checking the relevant box on the front page of its report. These were reported under the EU Common Military List's criterion ML1.<sup>1</sup>



### Room for improvement:

Belgium reported aggregated numbers and values of small arms exports and imports in addition to transfers reported under voluntary national categories, making it impossible to determine the relevant sub-categories of small arms reported.

Belgium provided very few comments or descriptions in relation to its transfers of small arms.

### Transfer summary - 2018: Export Data

- Belgium reported exports to 61 countries and territories in 2018. Of these, 43 were ATT States Parties, seven were Signatories and ten were non-members (Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia).<sup>2</sup>
- Belgium reported major conventional weapon exports valued at €23m (US\$27.2).<sup>3</sup> It reported two exports of major conventional weapons: 18 armoured combat vehicles to Indonesia (United States was the state of origin), and 63 manned combat aircraft to the United States (France was the state of origin).
- Belgium reported aggregated numbers and values of small arms in 2018 that totalled 1,211 items with a total value of €403,156 (\$US475,981).<sup>4</sup>
- Belgium's reported exports of ML1 items in 2018 totalled €326.7m (US\$385.7m).<sup>5</sup>
- In terms of value, the main importers of ML1 items from Belgium were Saudi Arabia (60 per cent), Australia (9 per cent) and Switzerland (8 per cent).

### Reporting practice summary - 2018

Belgium's reporting practice changed in its 2018 report.

Belgium reported **Authorized Numbers** and **Values** of major conventional weapon exports, after only providing Values in its 2017 report. It reported Authorized Numbers and Values of small arms exports aggregated by importing country, after not reporting this information in 2017. It continued to report **Authorized Values** of exports under voluntary national categories.

Belgium reported **Actual Numbers** of major conventional weapon imports, after having provided **Values** in its 2017 report. It reported Actual Numbers and **Values** of small arms imports aggregated by exporting country, after not reporting this information in 2017. It continued to report **Actual Values** of imports under voluntary national categories.

### Transfer summary - 2018: Import Data

- Belgium reported imports from 31 countries and territories in 2018. Of these, 20 were ATT States Parties, four were Signatories and six were non-members (China, Equatorial Guinea, India, Indonesia, Pakistan and Russia).<sup>6</sup>
- The only import of major conventional weapons reported by Belgium was of 94 armoured combat vehicles from the United Kingdom.
- Belgium reported imports of 14,108 small arms items, all of which were aggregated by exporting country except for 12 items of rifles and carbines from the United States. The total value of Belgium's small arms imports was €12.2m (US\$14.4m).<sup>7</sup>
- In terms of value, the main exporters of small arms to Belgium were Germany (31 per cent), Italy (22 per cent) and the United States (17 per cent).
- Belgium's reported imports of ML1 items totalled €28.2m (US\$33.3m).<sup>8</sup> The highest value exporters of ML1 items to Belgium were Japan (48 per cent), the United States (32 per cent) and Turkey (9 per cent).

1 Criterion ML1 includes smooth-bore weapons with a calibre of less than 20mm, other arms and automatic weapons with a calibre of 12.7mm (calibre 0.50 inches) or less and accessories, and specially designed components.

2 Belgium also reported exports to one non-UN member in 2018 (Taiwan).

3 Currency conversion via OECD Data, reflecting 2018 annual conversion rate. <https://data.oecd.org/conversion/exchange-rates.htm>.

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5 Ibid.

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