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, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia).
• 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).
• 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). The highest value exporters of ML1 items to Belgium were Turkey (9 per cent) and Switzerland (8 per cent).

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).
• Belgium reported major conventional weapon exports valued at €23m (US$27.2m). It reported two exports of major conventional weapons: 18 armoured combat vehicles to Indonesia (United States was the state of origin), and 63 manned combat aircraft to the United States (France was the state of origin).
• Belgium reported aggregated numbers and values of small arms in 2018 that totalled 1,211 items with a total value of €403,156 ($US475,981).
• Belgium’s reported exports of ML1 items in 2018 totalled €326.7m (US$385.7m).
• In terms of value, the main importers of small arms to Belgium were Germany (31 per cent), Italy (22 per cent) and the United States (17 per cent).