IRELAND

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? Yes
What type of report was submitted?

Good practices:
Ireland provided descriptions and comments describing the end-use and/or end-user for most of its reported transfers.
Ireland reported some Values of small arms exports in addition to the Number of items transferred.

Room for improvement:
Ireland excluded some data for ‘commercial sensitivity/national security-related’ reasons and did not specify where or how much information was withheld.
Ireland continued to aggregate the final importing countries under some small arms exports and imports sub-categories, so it is impossible to analyse how many items within reported transfers were exported to which specific country.

Transfer summary - 2018: Export Data
- Ireland reported exports to 12 countries in 2018. Of these, ten were ATT States Parties, one was a Signatory and one was a non-member (Pakistan).\(^1\)
- Ireland did not report exports of major conventional weapons.
- Ireland reported the export of 1,267 small arms items, covering three sub-categories. Of these, the majority were rifles and carbines (82 per cent) and ‘Others’ (17 per cent), the latter of which were all sporting shotguns and air and combo guns.
- In some cases, Ireland aggregated information for importing countries for these sub-categories so it is unclear to where these items were exported.

Transfer summary - 2018: Import Data
- Ireland reported imports from 20 countries in 2018. Of these, 18 were ATT States Parties and two were Signatories.
- Ireland reported the import of 3,662 small arms items, covering three sub-categories. Of these, the majority were rifles and carbines (47 per cent) and ‘Others’ (47 per cent), the latter of which were air guns, shotguns and combo guns.
- In most cases, Ireland aggregated information for exporting countries for these sub-categories so it is unclear from where these items were imported.

1 Ireland reported exports to Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Slovakia and the United Kingdom under four separate ‘EU Member States’ entries. In its 2017 annual report, Ireland also reported exports to ‘EU Member States’ but did not specify which countries were involved in the transfers.