

## 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?	ATT reporting template



### 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.

### Reporting practice summary - 2018

Ireland's reporting changed in its 2018 annual report.

Ireland did not report exports of major conventional weapons or light weapons. It reported Authorized Numbers and Values of exports of small arms, though it reported only Numbers of small arms exports in its 2017 report.

Ireland did not report imports of major conventional weapons or light weapons, though it reported light weapons imports in its 2017 report. It reported Authorized Numbers of small arms imports.

Ireland indicated that information had been withheld on grounds of commercial sensitivity and/or national security in its 2018 report, after it did not indicate whether or not information was withheld in its 2017 report. Ireland also changed the definitions of the terms 'export' and 'import' in its 2018 report to include transfer of title in addition to physical transfer of items across a national border, as these terms were defined in its 2017 report.

### 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).<sup>1</sup>
- 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.