

JAPAN

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 online reporting tool



Good practices:

Japan provided clear, disaggregated data for all of its reported exports and imports.

Japan provided descriptions for imports of major conventional weapons.

Japan included both Numbers and Values of its small arms exports after only providing numbers in its 2017 annual report.



Room for improvement:

Japan's use of HS Codes for reporting its small arms exports and imports meant that the data provided did not correspond directly to the categorization within the ATT reporting template, making it difficult to comparatively analyse its transfer data.

Reporting practice summary - 2018

Japan's reporting changed slightly in its 2018 annual report.

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

Japan reported **Actual Numbers** of major conventional weapons imports. It provided **Actual Numbers** and **Values** of its small arms imports. It did not report imports of light weapons.

Japan continued to provide information on small arms exports and imports organized according to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS Code) of the World Customs Organization.

Japan indicated the cut-off date for its report to be 31 March 2019.

Transfer summary - 2018: Export Data

- Japan reported exports to nine countries in 2018. Of these, eight were ATT States Parties and one was a Signatory.
- Japan reported the export of 95,284 small arms items with a total value of ¥6.9m (US\$62,719).¹
- In terms of value, the main importers of small arms from Japan were the United States (74 per cent) and Belgium (19 per cent).

Transfer summary - 2018: Import Data

- Japan reported imports from 12 countries in 2018. Of these, ten were ATT States Parties and two were Signatories.
- Japan reported the import of 25 major conventional weapons items, including 15 armoured combat vehicles and 10 manned combat aircraft. The two exporters of major conventional weapons items to Japan were the United States (84 per cent) and Australia (16 per cent).
- Japan reported the import of 2,691 small arms items with a total value of ¥1.7m (US\$15,786).²
- In terms of value, the main exporters of small arms to Japan were the United States (54 per cent), Sweden (28 per cent) and Italy (12 per cent).

¹ Currency conversion via OECD Data, reflecting 2018 annual conversion rate. <https://data.oecd.org/conversion/exchange-rates.htm>.

² Ibid.