

## BELGIUM

Was an Annual Report submitted by 31 May 2017?	Yes
Was the report made public?	Yes
Was a nil report submitted for exports or imports in 2016?	No
Was data withheld for 'commercial sensitivity/national security-related' reasons?	No



### Good practice:

Belgium reported on voluntary national categories in 2016. These were reported under the EU Common Military List's criteria ML1: Smooth-bore weapons with a calibre of less than 20 mm, other arms and automatic weapons with a calibre of 12.7 mm (calibre 0.50 inches) or less and accessories, as follows, and specially designed components. This information was provided in lieu of providing a breakdown of SALW sub-categories.



### Room for improvement:

Belgium only reported values for its exports and imports of voluntary national categories.

### Transfer summary - 2016: Export Data

- Belgium reported exports to 63 destinations in 2016.
- Of these, 34 were ATT States Parties, 13 were Signatories and 15 were non-members (Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei, Canada, Democratic Republic of Congo, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia).<sup>1</sup>
- Belgium reported two exports of major weapons for 2016: 26 battle tanks to Poland and six armoured combat vehicles to Austria. It was not the country of origin for either export.
- Belgium's reported Authorized exports of ML1 items in 2016 totalled €218.4m (US\$229.8m).<sup>2</sup> The most valuable export destinations were the United States (24 per cent of reported value), the United Arab Emirates (22 per cent) and France (11 per cent).

### Reporting practice summary - 2016

Belgium made several changes to its reporting practice from its ATT Annual Report for 2015.

- It changed the reporting language, submitting its ATT Annual Report for 2016 in French rather than English.
- It reported **Actual** exports of major weapons in 2016, having reported Authorized exports in 2015.

Belgium provided different types of information depending on the type of transfer.

- **Actual Numbers** of major weapon exports in 2016.
- **Authorized Value** for SALW exports (as voluntary national category).
- **Authorized Numbers** of major weapons imports.
- **Actual Numbers** of SALW imports for 2016, but **Authorized Values** for imports of voluntary national categories.

### Transfer summary - 2016: Import Data

- Belgium reported imports from 32 countries and territories in 2016.
- Of these, 20 were ATT States Parties, five were Signatories and four were non-members (Canada, China, India and Russia).<sup>3</sup>
- The only Authorized imports of major weapons reported by Belgium in 2016 were one armoured combat vehicle from Switzerland and one missile or missile launcher from Ukraine.
- Belgium's reported imports of ML1 items in 2016 totalled €48m (US\$55.5m).<sup>4</sup> The highest value importers were Japan (29 per cent), the United States (26 per cent) and Germany (21 per cent).

1 Belgium also reported exports to one non-UN member state in 2016 (Taiwan).

2 Currency conversion via XE, reflecting conversion rate on 31 December 2016. <https://www.xe.com/currencytables/?from=EUR&date=2016-12-31>.

3 Belgium also reported imports from three non-UN member states in 2016 (Hong Kong, Kosovo and Taiwan).

4 Currency conversion via XE, reflecting conversion rate on 31 December 2016. <https://www.xe.com/currencytables/?from=EUR&date=2016-12-31>.