

BULGARIA

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:

Bulgaria provided clear, disaggregated data for every reported export and import in 2016.

Bulgaria provided descriptions of its exports and imports of major weapons and light weapons.

In its 2016 Annual Report, Bulgaria indicated that it did not keep any data confidential because of 'commercial sensitivity or national-security related' reasons, having done so previously for 2015.

Bulgaria provided descriptions of its exports or imports of light weapons sub-categories.



Room for improvement:

Bulgaria did not provide descriptions of its exports or imports of small arms sub-categories.

Bulgaria provided no comments on its transfers in 2016.

Transfer summary - 2016: Export Data

- Bulgaria reported exports to 28 destinations in 2016.
- Of these, 15 were ATT States Parties, four were Signatories, and nine were non-members (Algeria, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Uganda and Uzbekistan).
- Of major weapon categories, Bulgaria reported the export of 173 armoured combat vehicles and 1,759 large-calibre artillery systems. The largest reported deal was for 796 120mm and 82mm mortars to Saudi Arabia. It reported the export of 74,496 SALW items in 2016, covering nine sub-categories. The main destinations for SALW exports were: Saudi Arabia (56 per cent), Iraq (26 per cent) and the United States (9 per cent).
- The largest reported SALW export was 36,950 assault rifles to Saudi Arabia.

Reporting practice summary - 2016

Bulgaria's reporting practice in its 2016 Annual Report was the same as for its 2015 Annual Report, with the exception of its response provided under 'Scope of report' on the front page of the reporting template (see below).

Bulgaria reported **Actual Numbers** of exports and imports for both major weapons and SALW.

Transfer summary - 2016: Import Data

- Bulgaria reported imports in 2016 from 19 countries.
- Of these, 17 were ATT States Parties, one was a Signatory, and one was a non-member (Canada).
- Of major weapon categories, Bulgaria reported the import of 1,623 large-calibre artillery systems. The largest reported deal was for 1,393 120mm and 82mm mortars from Serbia.¹
- Bulgaria reported 8,498 SALW items in 2016, covering eight sub-categories. The major SALW importers reported were: Romania (27 per cent), the Czech Republic (15 per cent) and Austria (11 per cent).
- The largest reported SALW import was 1,795 hand-held under-barrel and mounted grenade launchers from Romania.

¹ Bulgaria appears to have included a large number of artillery imports under the category of 'Combat Aircraft'. The ATT Monitor has assumed this to be a reporting error and has treated these items as imports of 'Large-calibre artillery systems'.