

BELGIUM

Was an Annual Report submitted by 31 May 2018?	Yes
Was the Annual Report made public?	Yes
Was a 'nil' report submitted for exports or imports in 2017?	No
Was data withheld for 'commercial sensitivity/national security-related' reasons?	No



Good practices:

Belgium reported on voluntary national categories in 2017. These were reported under the EU Common Military List's criteria ML1.¹ This information was provided in lieu of providing a breakdown of SALW sub-categories, save for two reported imports of revolvers and pistols and light machine guns.



Room for improvement:

Belgium provided very few comments or descriptions in relation to its arms transfers.

Transfer summary - 2017: Export Data

- Belgium reported exports to 63 destinations in 2017. Of these, 40 were ATT States Parties, nine were Signatories and 13 were non-members (Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei, Canada, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia).²
- Belgium reported five separate Authorized export transactions of major conventional weapons in four categories for 2017.
- Belgium's reported exports of small arms (ML1 items) in 2017 totalled €266.1m (US\$299.9m).³ The most valuable export destinations for small arms were Saudi Arabia (27 per cent of reported value) and the United States (19 per cent).

Reporting practice summary - 2017

Belgium's reporting practice changed in some respects from 2016 and 2017. In 2017, it reported most **Values** of **Authorized** exports of major conventional weapons, with one exception where an **Authorized Number** of items was given. In 2016 Belgium reported all Actual Numbers of major conventional weapons exports.

Belgium also provided different types of information depending on the type of transfer in 2017:

- **Authorized Values** for small arms exports (listed under voluntary national categories), as it did in 2016.
- **Authorized Value** of major conventional weapons imports, whereas Authorized Numbers were provided in 2016.
- **Actual Numbers** of small arms imports for 2017.
- **Actual Values** of small arms imports listed under voluntary national categories, whereas Authorized Values were provided in 2016).

Transfer summary - 2017: Import Data

- Belgium reported imports from 29 countries and territories in 2017. Of these, 19 were ATT States Parties, six were Signatories and three were non-members (Canada, China, and India).⁴
- The only import of major conventional weapons reported by Belgium in 2017 is an unmanned combat aircraft from France valued at €23.7m (US\$26.7m).⁵
- Belgium reported imports of 274 SALW, including revolvers and self-loading pistols from Austria and light machine guns from the United States.
- Belgium's reported imports of ML1 items in 2017 totaled €48.1m (US\$54.2m).⁶ The highest value exporters of ML1 items to Belgium were the United States (31 per cent), Japan (25 per cent) and Germany (15 per cent).

1 Criteria ML1 includes 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.

2 Belgium also reported exports to one non-UN member in 2017 (Taiwan).

3 Currency conversion via OECD Data, reflecting 2017 annual conversion rate. <https://data.oecd.org/conversion/exchange-rates.htm>.

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6 Ibid.