

FRANCE

Was an Annual Report submitted by 31 May 2018?

No – missed deadline

Was the Annual Report made public?

Yes

Was a 'nil' report submitted for exports or imports in 2017?

Unspecified – France used a national reporting template

Was data withheld for 'commercial sensitivity/national security-related' reasons?

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Good practices:

Although France used a national reporting template, the format used and the information provided allow for comparison with States Parties that use the official reporting template.

France provided descriptions of items for all reported exports and imports. These descriptions named the sub-category of weapons and, in some cases, provided additional details such as calibre.



Room for improvement:

Because France used a national template, it is not clear whether any data has been withheld for 'commercial sensitivity/national security-related' reasons.

The national template used by France does not provide space for comments beyond descriptions to include information on end-use and/or end-user.

Transfer summary - 2017: Export Data

- France reported exports to 35 countries in 2017. Of these, 18 were ATT States Parties, five were Signatories, and 12 were non-members (Bolivia, Canada, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Turkmenistan and Uganda).
- France reported a total of 1,158 major conventional weapons items exported in 2017, covering six categories. Most items were either armoured combat vehicles (56 per cent) or missiles and missile launchers (29 per cent). The single largest export transaction for major conventional weapons reported was for 468 armoured combat vehicles to Saudi Arabia.
- The main importers of major conventional weapons from France were Saudi Arabia (51 per cent of items), United Kingdom (12 per cent) and Kuwait (9 per cent).
- For SALW, France reported the export of a total of 935 items in 2017, covering six sub-categories. 79 per cent of France's reported SALW exports in 2017 were rifles and carbines.
- The main importers of SALW from France were Saudi Arabia (59 per cent), United Kingdom (15 per cent) and the United States (8 per cent). The single largest export transaction for SALW reported was for 520 rifles and carbines to Saudi Arabia.

Reporting practice summary - 2017

France did not change its reporting practice for its 2017 Annual Report. As in 2016, it used a national reporting template.

France reported **Actual Numbers** of exports of major conventional weapons exported and exports and imports of SALW. France did not report data for imports of major conventional weapons.

Transfer summary - 2017: Import Data

- France reported imports from seven countries in 2017. Of these, six were ATT States Parties and one was a Signatory.
- France reported the import of only SALW in 2017. In total, it reported the import of 7,755 SALW items spanning seven sub-categories.
- The majority of France's reported imports of SALW in 2017 were assault rifles (77 per cent of reported items).
- The main exporters of SALW to France in 2017 were Germany (85 per cent of items) and Belgium (8 per cent). The largest single import transaction reported by France was for 5,468 assault rifles from Germany.