JAPAN

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:
Japan provided clear, disaggregated data for its imports and exports of SALW and for its imports of major conventional weapons.
Japan provided descriptions for imports of major conventional weapons.

Room for improvement:
Japan’s use of HS Codes for reporting its SALW exports and imports meant that the data provided did not correspond directly to the categorization within the reporting template, making it difficult to comparatively analyse Japan’s transfer data.

Transfer summary - 2017: Export Data
- Japan reported small arms exports to 12 countries in 2017. Of these, 11 were ATT States Parties and one was a Signatory.
- In total, Japan reported the export of 107,875 small arms. The majority of these were exported to the United States (70 per cent) and Belgium (23 per cent).

Transfer summary - 2017: Import Data
- Japan reported the import of 15 armoured combat vehicles and two manned combat aircraft from the United States in 2017.
- In total, Japan reported the import of 3,188 SALW worth ¥15.5m (US$138,188). The main exporters of SALW to Japan were Italy (29 per cent), the United States (23 per cent) and Germany (21 per cent).

Reporting practice summary - 2017
As in the previous year, in 2017 Japan provided details of Actual Numbers of exports of small arms and imports of SALW in two lists attached to its 2017 Annual Report. It also provided Values for its SALW imports. Information on small arms exports and SALW imports was organized according to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS Code) of the World Customs Organization.
In 2016, Japan reported that it had made no exports or imports of major conventional weapons, however in 2017 Actual Numbers were provided for imports of major conventional weapons under two categories within the reporting template.

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