

SOUTH AFRICA

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?	Yes



Good practices:

South Africa provided clear, disaggregated data for each reported export of major conventional weapons and some exports and imports of light weapons in 2017.



Room for improvement:

South Africa withheld some data from its Annual Report for 'commercial sensitivity/national security-related' reasons, but did not specify where or how much information was withheld.

South Africa provided significantly less information in descriptions, comments and end-user information for major conventional weapons in 2017 than in 2016.

South Africa provided data on exports and imports in the 'Others' categories of small arms but did not provide descriptions of those items.

Transfer summary - 2017: Export Data

- South Africa reported exports to 34 countries in 2017. Of these, 12 were ATT States Parties, 10 were Signatories and 12 were non-members (Algeria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Botswana, Canada, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Oman, Russia and Saudi Arabia).
- South Africa reported exports of 105 major conventional weapons items, 57 per cent of which were armoured combat vehicles and 43 per cent were missiles and missile launchers.
- The main importers of South Africa's major conventional weapons exports were Algeria (43 per cent), Singapore (26 per cent) and Angola (20 per cent).
- South Africa reported the export of 2,730 SALW items, spanning five sub-categories. Of these, 50 per cent were small arms listed under the generic category 'Others' and 31 per cent were aggregated light weapons exports. Some exports of heavy machine guns, hand-held under-barrel and mounted grenade launchers and mortars of calibres less than 75mm were disaggregated.
- The main importers of SALW exports from South Africa were Oman and Japan (18 per cent each).

Reporting practice summary - 2017

South Africa's reporting practice changed slightly in its 2017 Annual Report from 2016. For 2017, it reported **Actual Numbers** of major conventional weapons and SALW exports, and SALW imports. It did not report imports of major weapons in 2017, after doing so in its 2016 Annual Report.

Transfer summary - 2017: Import Data

- South Africa reported imports from 24 countries in 2017. Of these, 18 were ATT States Parties, four were Signatories and two were non-members (Canada and Russia).
- South Africa did not report any imports of major conventional weapons in 2017.
- South Africa reported the import of 34,580 SALW items. More than 99 per cent of these items were reported as small arms listed under the generic category 'Others', with data disaggregated by exporting state.
- The main exporters to South Africa were the United States (31 per cent), Czech Republic (24 per cent) and Japan (20 per cent).