REPORTING PRACTICE SUMMARY - 2019

Japan's reporting remained the same in its 2019 annual report. Japan again did not report exports of major conventional weapons or light weapons. It continued to report Actual Numbers and Values of small arms exports.

Japan continued to report Actual Numbers of major conventional weapons imports. It continued to report Actual Numbers and Values of its SALW imports.

Japan continued to provide information on SALW exports and imports organized according to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS Code) of the World Customs Organization.
GOOD PRACTICES

Japan provided clear, disaggregated data for all of its reported exports and imports.

Japan provided descriptions for all of its reported exports and imports.

Japan included both numbers and values of its SALW exports and imports.

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

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

TRANSFER SUMMARY - 2019: EXPORT DATA

• Japan reported exports to 13 countries in 2019. Of these, ten were ATT States Parties, one was a Signatory and two were non-members (Egypt and Kuwait).

• Japan reported the export of 106,233 small arms items with a total value of ¥5.1m (US$46.5m).¹

• In terms of value, the main importers of small arms from Japan were the United States (61 per cent) and Belgium (30 per cent).

TRANSFER SUMMARY - 2019: IMPORT DATA

• Japan reported imports from 15 countries in 2019. Of these, 13 were ATT States Parties and two were Signatories.

• Japan reported the import of 11 major conventional weapons items, all of which were armoured combat vehicles from the United States.

• Japan reported the import of 5,039 SALW items with a total value of ¥1.7m (US$15.6m).²

• In terms of value, the main exporters of small arms to Japan were Sweden (36 per cent), the United States (36 per cent) and Italy (13 per cent).

² Ibid.