FRANCE

Was the 2020 annual report submitted?				Yes - On time
Was the 2020 annual report made public?				Yes
Was data withheld for 'commercial sensitivity/national security-related' reasons?			Unspecified - Not indicated	
What type of report was submitted?			National rep	orting template
Were reports submitted in previous years in which reports were due?	2016	Were submitted reports made publi	cly available?	2016



REPORTING PRACTICE SUMMARY - 2020

France's reporting remained the same in its 2020 annual report.

France reported **Actual Numbers** of exports of major conventional weapons and SALW.

France reported **Actual Numbers** of imports of SALW. As in its 2019 report, it did not report imports of major conventional weapons.



GOOD PRACTICES

France provided clear, disaggregated data for every reported export and import.

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 calibres. It also provided some comments describing the nature of its transfers.

France indicated clearly that there were no reported exports or imports in specific weapons categories and sub-categories rather than leaving relevant sections of the reporting template blank.



ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

France did not specify whether reported exports of combat aircraft and attack helicopters were manned or unmanned, per UN Registry Definitions of Categories as outlined in Article 2 of the ATT.¹

France did not specify whether any information was withheld for 'commercial sensitivity/national security-related' reasons.

France could provide more comments describing the nature for more of its reported transfers.



TRANSFER SUMMARY - 2020: EXPORT DATA

- France reported exports to 21 countries. Of these, 12 were ATT States Parties, three were Signatories and six were non-members (India, Kuwait, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Uzbekistan).
- France reported the export of 801 major conventional weapons items, covering six categories. Of these, the majority were armoured combat vehicles (52.2 per cent), missiles etc. (33.2 per cent) and MANPADS (6.9 per cent).
- In terms of numbers, the main importers of major conventional weapons from France were Saudi Arabia (35.2 per cent), India (25.8 per cent) and Qatar (14.9 per cent).
- France reported the export of 757 SALW items covering six sub-categories. Of these, the majority were revolvers and self-loading pistols (78.6 per cent), assault rifles (13.6 per cent) and heavy machine guns (5 per cent).
- In terms of numbers, the main importers of SALW from France were Mali (66.1 per cent), Madagascar (9.4 per cent) and the United States (7.9 per cent).



TRANSFER SUMMARY - 2020: IMPORT DATA

- France reported imports from five countries. Of these, four were ATT States Parties and one was a Signatory.
- France did not report imports of major conventional weapons.
- France reported the import of 17,224 SALW items, covering five sub-categories. Of these, the majority were assault rifles (69.7 per cent), sub-machine guns (12.8 per cent) and hand-held under-barrel and mounted grenade launchers (7.3 per cent).
- In terms of numbers, the main exporters of SALW to France were Germany (76.9 per cent), Belgium (12.8 per cent) and Austria (9.7 per cent).

1 For example, the UN Registry definitions of weapons categories include combat aircraft that are: (a) manned fixed-wing or variable-geometry wing aircraft, designed, equipped or modified to engage targets by employing guided missiles, unguided rockets, bombs, guns, cannons or other weapons of destruction, including versions of these aircraft which perform specialized electronic warfare, suppression of air defence or reconnaissance missions; or (b) unmanned fixed-wing or variable-geometry wing aircraft, designed, equipped or modified to engage targets by employing guided missiles, unguided rockets, bombs, guns, cannons or other weapons of destruction. For more information, see ATT Working Group on Transparency and Reporting (2019). 'Reporting Authorized or Actual Exports and Imports of Conventional Arms under the ATT'. ATT/CSP5.WGTR/2019/CHAIR/533/Conf. Rep.Rev1. https://bit.ly/3rHiE2k, p. 25.