REPORTING PRACTICE SUMMARY - 2020

Ireland’s reporting changed in its 2020 annual report.

Ireland continued not to report exports of major conventional weapons or light weapons. It reported a mix of Authorized and Actual Numbers and some Values of exports of small arms as opposed to 2019 when it did not specify whether transfers were actual or authorized.

Ireland continued not to report imports of major conventional weapons or light weapons. It reported Actual Numbers of imports of small arms as opposed to 2019 when it did not specify whether transfers were actual or authorized.

Ireland indicated that it did not exclude some data for ‘commercial sensitivity/national security-related’ reasons, after indicating that some information had been withheld in its 2019 report.
GOOD PRACTICES

Ireland specified whether all transfers were actual or authorized, after not doing so in its 2019 report.
Ireland provided comments and/or descriptions for most of its reported transfers.
Ireland reported some values of small arms exports in addition to the number of items transferred.

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

Ireland continued to aggregate the final importing/exporting countries in some of its small arms exports and imports sub-categories, making it impossible to determine how many items were exported to or imported from specific countries.

TRANSFER SUMMARY - 2020: EXPORT DATA

- Ireland reported exports to eight countries. Of these, six were ATT States Parties and two were Signatories.
- Ireland did not report exports of major conventional weapons.
- Ireland reported the export of 507 small arms items, covering three sub-categories: ‘others’ (small arms) (51.7 per cent) – which were all described as shotguns or airguns, rifles and carbines (43.2 per cent) and revolvers and self-loading pistols (5.1 per cent).
- In some cases, Ireland aggregated information for importing countries for these sub-categories so it is unclear to where these items were exported.

TRANSFER SUMMARY - 2020: IMPORT DATA

- Ireland reported imports from 13 countries. Of these, 11 were ATT States Parties and two were Signatories.
- Ireland did not report imports of major conventional weapons.
- Ireland reported the import of 4,622 small arms items, covering three sub-categories. Of these, the majority were ‘others’ (small arms) (94.7 per cent) – the majority of which were described as shotguns, and revolvers and self-loading pistols (4.6 per cent).
- Ireland aggregated information for exporting countries for these sub-categories so it is unclear from where these items were imported.