Japan’s reporting remained the same in its 2020 annual report.

Japan continued to report **Actual Numbers** and **Values** of small arms exports, and it did not report exports of major conventional weapons or light weapons.

Japan continued to report **Actual Numbers** of major conventional weapons imports, and **Actual Numbers** and **Values** of 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.

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1 Japan also submitted separate Annex tables detailing SALW imports and exports.
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.

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

TRANSFER SUMMARY - 2020: EXPORT DATA

- Japan reported exports to ten countries. Of these, eight were ATT States Parties, one was a Signatory and one was a non-member (Tunisia).
- Japan did not report any exports of major conventional weapons.
- Japan reported the export of 108,656 small arms items with a total value of ¥4.8bn (US$45.7m).\(^2\)
- In terms of value, the main importers of small arms from Japan were the United States (67 per cent), Belgium (26.1 per cent) and Australia (3.2 per cent).

TRANSFER SUMMARY - 2020: IMPORT DATA

- Japan reported imports from 14 countries in 2020. Of these, 12 were ATT States Parties and two were Signatories.
- Japan reported the import of six major conventional weapons items: four manned combat aircraft from the United States and two armoured combat vehicles from Finland.
- Japan reported the import of 3,334 SALW items with a total value of ¥2.9bn (US$26.8m).\(^3\)
- In terms of value, the main exporters of small arms to Japan were Sweden (50.5 per cent), the United States (22.5 per cent) and Italy (9.6 per cent).


\(^3\) Ibid.