REPORTING PRACTICE SUMMARY - 2021

Republic of Korea's reporting changed slightly in its 2021 annual report.

Republic of Korea reported Authorized Numbers of major conventional weapons exports, as opposed to 2020 when it did not report any. It continued to report Authorized Numbers of small arms exports. It did not report light weapons exports, as opposed to 2020 when it reported Authorized Numbers of light weapons exports.

Republic of Korea continued to report Authorized Numbers of small arms imports. It continued not to report any imports of major conventional weapons and light weapons as it did in its 2020 report.

Republic of Korea provided its own definitions of the terms ‘exports’ and ‘imports’, indicating in both instances that its data is based on licenses granted (Authorized) and not on Actual transfers.
Republic of Korea reported imports from five countries, all ATT State Parties.

Republic of Korea did not report imports of major conventional weapons.

Republic of Korea reported the import of 169 small arms. Of these, the majority were rifles and carbines (34.3 per cent), assault rifles (34.3 per cent) and sub-machine guns (29.6 per cent).

The main exporters of small arms to the Republic of Korea were Bulgaria (34.3 per cent), Germany (33.7 per cent) and Switzerland (29.6 per cent).

Republic of Korea reported exports to two countries. Of these, one was an ATT State Party and one was a non-member (Nepal).

Republic of Korea reported the export of one warship to Peru.

Republic of Korea reported the export of 8,853 small arms, covering three sub-categories. Of these, the majority were rifles and carbines (93.1 per cent) and light machine guns (4.6 per cent).

All small arms exports were to Nepal.

Republic of Korea excluded some data for ‘commercial sensitivity/national security-related’ reasons, but did not specify where or how much information was withheld.

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