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Note Verbale

The Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE presents its compliments to the Missions and Delegations to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and to the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre and has the honour to enclose the annual information on Conventional Arms Transfers.

The Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Missions and Delegations to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and to the Conflict Prevention Centre the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 10 June 2020

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To:
all Permanent Missions/Delegations to the OSCE
and the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE

Vienna



Standardized form for reporting international transfers of conventional arms (exports)^a

EXPORTS

Report of international conventional arms transfers
 (according to United Nations General Assembly resolutions 46/36 L and 58/54)

Reporting country: Austria

National point of contact: _____
 (Organization, Division/Section, telephone, fax, e-mail) (FOR GOVERNMENTAL USE ONLY)

Calendar year: 2019

A	B	C	D ^b	E ^b	REMARKS ^c	
					Description of item	Comments on the transfer
Category (I-VII)	Final importer State(s)	Number of items	State of origin (if not exporter)	Intermediate location (if any)		
I. Battle tanks						
II. Armoured combat vehicles						
III. Large-calibre artillery systems						
IV. Combat aircraft						
V. Attack helicopters						
VI. Warships						
VII. Missiles and a) missile launchers ^d b)						

National criteria on transfers:

^{a b c d} See explanatory notes.

The nature of information provided should be indicated in accordance with explanatory notes e and f.



Standardized form for reporting international transfers of conventional arms (imports)^a

IMPORTS

Report of international conventional arms transfers
 (according to United Nations General Assembly resolutions 46/36 L and 58/54)

Reporting country: Austria

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Calendar year: 2019

A	B	C	D ^b	E ^b	REMARKS ^c	
					Description of item	Comments on the transfer
Category (I-VII)	Exporter State(s)	Number of items	State of origin (if not exporter)	Intermediate location (if any)		
I. Battle tanks						
II. Armoured combat vehicles						
III. Large-calibre artillery systems						
IV. Combat aircraft						
V. Attack helicopters						
VI. Warships						
VII. Missiles and a) missile launchers ^d b)						

National criteria on transfers:

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Explanatory Notes

(a) Member States that do not have anything to report should file a "nil report" clearly stating that no exports or imports have taken place in any of the categories during the reporting period.

(b) International arms transfers involve, in addition to the physical movement of equipment into or from national territory, the transfer of title to and control over the equipment. Member States are invited to provide with their return a concise explanation of national criteria used to determine when an arms transfer becomes effective. (See paragraph 42 of the annex to document A/49/316.)

(c) In the "Remarks" column Member States may wish to describe the item transferred by entering the designation, type, model or any other information considered relevant. Member States may also wish to use the "Remarks" column to explain or clarify aspects relevant to the transfer.

(d) Multiple-launch rocket systems are covered by the definition of category III. Rockets qualifying for registration are covered under category VII. MANPADS should be reported if the MANPAD system is supplied as a complete unit, i.e. the missile and launcher/Grip Stock form an integral unit. In addition, individual launching mechanisms or grip-stocks should also be reported. Individual missiles, not supplied with a launching mechanism or grip stock need not be reported.

(e) Check any of the following provided as part of your submission: Check

(i) Annual report on exports of arms ___

(ii) Annual report on imports of arms ___

(iii) Available background information on military holdings ___

(iv) Available background information on procurement through national production ___

(v) Available background information on relevant policies and/or national legislation ___

(vi) Other (please describe) ___

(f) When reporting transfers, which of the following criteria, drawn from paragraph 42 of the annex to document A/49/316, were used:

(i) Departure of equipment from the exporter's territory ___

(ii) Arrival of equipment in the importer's territory ___

(iii) Transfer of title ___

(iv) Transfer of control ___

(v) Others (please provide brief description below) ___

Categories of equipment and their definitions

I. Battle tanks

Tracked or wheeled self-propelled armoured fighting vehicles with high cross-country mobility and a high-level of self-protection, weighing at least 16.5 metric tons unladen weight, with a high muzzle velocity direct fire main gun of at least 75 millimetres calibre.

II. Armoured combat vehicles

Tracked, semi-tracked or wheeled self-propelled vehicles, with armoured protection and cross-country capability, either: (a) designed and equipped to transport a squad of four or more infantrymen, or (b) armed with an integral or organic weapon of at least 12.5 millimetres calibre or a missile launcher.

III. Large-calibre artillery systems

Guns, howitzers, artillery pieces, combining the characteristics of a gun or a howitzer, mortars or multiple-launch rocket systems, capable of engaging surface targets by delivering primarily indirect fire, with a calibre of 75 millimetres and above.

IV. Combat aircraft

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. The term "combat aircraft" does not include primary trainer aircraft, unless designed, equipped or modified as described above.

V. Attack helicopters

Rotary-wing aircraft designed, equipped or modified to engage targets by employing guided or unguided anti-armour, air-to-surface, air-to-subsurface, or air-to-air weapons and equipped with an integrated fire control and aiming system for these weapons, including versions of these aircraft which perform specialized reconnaissance or electronic warfare missions.

VI. Warships

Vessels or submarines armed and equipped for military use with a standard displacement of 500 metric tons or above, and those with a standard displacement of less than 500 metric tons, equipped for launching missiles with a range of at least 25 kilometres or torpedoes with similar range.

VII. Missiles and missile launchers

(a) Guided or unguided rockets, ballistic or cruise missiles capable of delivering a warhead or weapon of destruction to a range of at least 25 kilometres, and means designed or modified specifically for launching such missiles or rockets, if not covered by categories I through VI. For the purpose of the Register, this sub-category includes remotely piloted vehicles with the characteristics for missiles as defined above but does not include ground-to-air missiles.

(b) Man-Portable Air-Defence Systems (MANPADS).