

initial exporting nation, regardless of whether shipments pass through intermediate countries. Import controls, where in force, should provide most of the raw data for the National Authority to assemble this data.

Exports This column is sub-divided into two: one reflects the quantity of each category of light weapon and the other to indicate the ultimate destination of the shipment(s). The destination should be the final destination, regardless of whether shipments pass through intermediate countries. Export licence controls, where in force, should provide the essence of this data for the National Authority.

Illicit Weapons This column is provided to allow countries, and other multinational organizations such as the United Nations, to account for illicit weapons taken out of circulation. The first column shows the number of weapons seized by security forces, civil and military, as a result of raids, intercepted shipments or programs such as buy-back programs. The second column allows a nation to highlight the number of light weapons which have been disposed of after being seized.

In a case where the number of weapons seized is more than the number of weapons shown disposed of, the difference will automatically be added to column (a), "Holdings", for that nation, or for that nation in which the activity is reported in the case of an international organization submitting the report, on the basis that the formerly illicit weapons are now under positive national control and, therefore, taken into inventory.

The seized weapons should be included in export information declaration (Columns (d) and (f)) if they are disposed of by export. Destruction information (eg.; method, location, or timings if such information is volunteered) could be covered by submission of Form B.

Form B

This form allows a reporting nation to amplify data given in Form A. It must, therefore, be read in conjunction with the data in Form A. Reporting nations may refer by serial and column to the quantity or information given and provide explanations or clarification to assist the Secretariat or other interested parties in the public domain. Entries may indicate: specific types of weapons or ammunition, give time frames of production or transactions, designate intermediate transit destinations of exports/imports, or detail sources of illicit weapons and method of destruction, among other items. The information in this form may be useful in allowing a nation to present an accurate picture of its light weapons trade or its efforts to control transfers. More, rather than less, information is encouraged but the form and content is left to the discretion of the submitting nation.