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U.S. firearms and munitions imports boom in 2020

(GREENVILLE, SC, USA & HALIFAX, NS, CANADA) – Not counting muzzle-loading or military weapons, *Small Arms Analytics & Forecasting* (SAAF) estimates U.S. **handgun and long-gun imports** in 2020 at 6.4 million units, a 60% increase over 2019's 4.0 million. This increase is in line with last year's demand surge, which resulted in an estimated 22.8 million firearms units sold. Imports thus supplied 28% of U.S. firearms demand.

The top-10 countries of origin are Turkey, Austria, Brazil, Croatia, Italy, Germany, the Czech Republic, Canada, China, and the Philippines, collectively accounting for 92% of the 2020 firearms import volume.

Relatedly, **imports of munitions** in 2020 amounted to nearly 3.5 billion units (defined as cartridges, shells, with or without projectile, and their parts). The top-10 countries of origin were Russia, Mexico, Italy, the Czech Republic, Brazil, Serbia, South Korea, Hungary, Israel, and the Philippines.

Top-10 countries (handguns and long-guns)	2020 (units*)	Top-10 countries (munitions)	2020 (units*)
Turkey	1,478,464	Russia	765,487,845
Austria	1,284,785	Mexico	626,753,041
Brazil	1,016,630	Italy	422,349,591
Croatia	521,932	Czech Republic	382,086,121
Italy	360,557	Brazil	225,944,962
Germany	350,291	Serbia	157,927,855
Czech Republic	265,740	South Korea	121,310,223
Canada	233,397	Hungary	116,211,794
China	217,462	Israel	95,391,305
The Philippines	117,217	The Philippines	86,551,000
Total top-10	5,846,475	Total top-10	3,000,013,737
Total all countries	6,361,926	Total all countries	3,455,273,118
*Excluding muzzleloaders and military weapons.		*Units exclude military munitions and are defined by USITC as cartridges, shells, with or without projectile, and their parts.	

SAAF's import estimates are based on raw data taken from records of the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC).

SAAF Chief Economist Jurgen Brauer comments that "over the past several decades firearms and ammunition imports have come to play an important role in the U.S. industry's competitive landscape and firearms brand names such as Beretta, Glock, Sig Sauer, and Taurus have become well-established in the U.S. market."

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