

# Reporting formats

## For Article 7 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions

### Cover page<sup>1</sup> of the annual article 7 report

Name of State [Party]: **REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**

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Form A: National implementation measures:	Form F: Contaminated areas and clearance:
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2022)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2022)
	<input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form B: Stockpiles and destruction:	Form G: Warning to the population and risk education:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Changed	<input type="checkbox"/> Changed
<input type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2022)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unchanged (last reporting: 2022)
<input type="checkbox"/> non applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form D: Technical characteristics of each type produced/owned or possessed:	Form H: Victim assistance:
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Form C: Cluster munitions retained and transferred:	Form I: National resources and international cooperation and Assistance:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Changed	<input type="checkbox"/> Changed
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<input type="checkbox"/> non applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> non applicable
Form E: Status of convention programmes:	Form J: Other relevant matters:
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## Convention on Cluster Munitions

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NOTE: all data **shaded in gray** is provided on a VOLUNTARY basis but pertains to compliance and implementation not covered by the formal reporting requirements contained in article 7.

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\* In accordance with art. 7, para. 1, subpara. (l).

## Form A National implementation measures

### Article 7, paragraph 1

“Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

(a) The national implementation measures referred to in article 9;”

**Remark:** In accordance with article 9 “Each State Party shall take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures to implement this Convention, including the imposition of penal sanctions, to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control.”

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<p><i>Legal, administrative and other measures taken to implement the CCM (including imposition of penal sanctions)</i></p>	<p><i>Supplementary information (e.g., text and effective date of implementation measures, including legislation, administrative measures, policies and directives, training of military forces)</i></p>
<p>The national plan for the destruction of the cluster munitions, which is under control of the Ministry of Defence</p> <p>A Law on the Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction</p>	<p>CCM was ratified by the Bulgarian National Assembly with an act, adopted on February 10, 2011. As per the provisions of the Convention, the CCM entered into force for Bulgaria on October 1, 2011.</p> <p>On November 24, 2015 the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria adopted a Law on the Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction.</p> <p>In June 2016, Republic of Bulgaria also amended Articles 337–339 of its Penal Code to establish penal sanctions for violating the prohibitions in the new Law on the Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction (Ottawa Treaty).</p> <p>The Law on the Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CCM) and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction was last amended in December 2019.</p>

## Form B Stockpiles and destruction of cluster munitions

### Part I: Stockpiled cluster munitions

#### Article 7, paragraph 1

“Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

(b) The total of all cluster munitions, including explosive submunitions, referred to in paragraph 1 of article 3 of this Convention, to include a breakdown of their type, quantity and, if possible, lot numbers of each type;

[...]

(g) Stockpiles of cluster munitions, including explosive submunitions, discovered after reported completion of the programme referred to in subparagraph (e) of this paragraph, and plans for their destruction in accordance with article 3 of this Convention;”

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1. The total of all cluster munitions and explosive submunitions, stockpiled under the jurisdiction and control of the State Party

The following table does not include munitions retained for the purpose of training and expertise (in accordance with art. 3, para. 6) reported in form C.

Cluster munition type	Quantity	Lot number			Explosive submunition type	Total quantity of explosive submunitions	Lot number	Supplementary information
None								
<b>Total</b>					<b>Total</b>			

**The process of destruction of the Bulgarian Army’s cluster munitions stockpiles was successfully completed on June 28, 2023. Bulgaria is therefore fully compliant with its obligations under Article 3 of the CCM. In accordance with Article 3 (6), Bulgaria has retained cluster munitions as indicated in Form C for training purposes of its Armed Forces.**

2. Additional stockpiles discovered after reported completion of the programme for destruction

<i>Cluster munition Type</i>	<i>Quantity discovered</i>	<i>Lot number (if possible)</i>	<i>Explosive submunition type</i>	<i>Total quantity of explosive submunitions</i>	<i>Lot number (if possible)</i>	<i>Plans for destruction</i>	<i>Where, when and how discovered</i>	<i>Supplementary information</i>
<b>None</b>								
<b>Total</b>			<b>Total</b>					

**3. Status and progress ... in separating all CM under its jurisdiction and control from other munitions retained for operational use and marking them for the purpose of destruction (ref. art. 3, para. 1)**

<i>Cluster munition type</i>	<i>Quantity separated and marked for destruction</i>	<i>Lot numbers (if possible)</i>	<i>Explosive submunition type</i>	<i>Total quantity separated and marked for destruction</i>	<i>Lot numbers (if possible)</i>	<i>Supplementary information</i>
<b>None</b>						
<b>Total</b>			<b>Total</b>			

**Form B Stockpiles and destruction of cluster munitions (*continued*)**

**Part II: Status of programmes for the destruction of cluster munitions**

**Article 7, paragraph 1**

“Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

- (e) The status and progress of programmes for the destruction, in accordance with article 3 of this Convention, of cluster munitions, including explosive submunitions, with details of the methods that will be used in destruction, the location of all destruction sites and the applicable safety and environmental standards to be observed;
- (f) The types and quantities of cluster munitions, including explosive submunitions, destroyed in accordance with article 3 of this Convention, including details of the methods of destruction used, the location of the destruction sites and the applicable safety and environmental standards observed;
- (g) Stockpiles of cluster munitions, including explosive submunitions, discovered after reported completion of the programme referred to in subparagraph (e) of this paragraph, and plans for their destruction in accordance with article 3 of this Convention;”

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1. Status and progress of destruction programmes (art. 3)

*Status*

Plans, general information, timeline

Methods that will be used<sup>1</sup>

Name and location of destruction sites that will be used

Applicable safety and environmental standards to be observed

Progress since last report

*We are pleased to announce that by late June 2023, all of the cluster munitions of the Bulgarian Army were successfully destroyed in the contractor's destruction facilities in Italy. This achievement demonstrates Bulgaria's commitment to fulfilling its obligations under Article 3 of the CCM.*

Supplementary information

2. Destruction of cluster munitions, including explosive submunitions, completed BEFORE the entry into force for the State Party (ONLY for initial reports)

<i>Cluster munition type</i>	<i>Quantity destroyed</i>	<i>Lot number (if possible)</i>			<i>Explosive submunition type</i>	<i>Quantity destroyed</i>	<i>Lot number (if possible)</i>	<i>Date of completion</i>	<i>Location of destruction sites</i>	<i>Supplementary information</i>
<b>Total</b>					<b>Total</b>					

**3. Types and quantities of cluster munitions, including explosive submunitions, destroyed in accordance with article 3**

*(a) After entry into force*

Cluster munition type	Quantity destroyed				Explosive submunition type	Quantity destroyed*			Date of completion <sup>1</sup>	Location of destruction sites	Supplementary information
		Lot number (if possible)					Lot number (if possible)				
<b>Air bomb RBK 250-275 AO-1 SCh</b>	46				<b>AO-1 SCh</b>	6900			13.03.2023	Casalbordino, Italy	As part of the project for the destruction of the Bulgarian Army's cluster munitions stockpile
<b>Air bomb RBK 500 AO-2,5 RT</b>	120				<b>AO-2,5 RT</b>	7200			11.01.2023	Casalbordino, Italy	
<b>Air bomb RBK 500 SHOAB-0,5 M</b>	15				<b>SHOAB-0,5 M</b>	8190			28.10.2022	Casalbordino, Italy	Apparently, these two types of cluster munitions have been successfully destroyed by late 2022. However, the certificates were received in the Bulgarian Ministry of Defence by mid-2023. Therefore, these CMs have not been reported in 2022.
<b>Air bomb BKF AO-2,5 RT</b>	672				<b>AO-2,5 RT</b>	8064			19.12.2022	Casalbordino, Italy	
<b>Air bomb BKF AO-2,5 RTM</b>	1431				<b>AO-2,5 RTM</b>	17172			12.07.2023	Casalbordino, Italy	As part of the project for the destruction of the Bulgarian Army's cluster munitions stockpile
<b>Air bomb RBS 100</b>	1				<b>AO-25-33</b>	3			12.07.2023	Casalbordino, Italy	

<sup>1</sup> Date of Signature and Stamp of GQAR on the Certificate of Destruction of Cluster Munitions

<b>Total</b>	<b>2285</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>47529</b>
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(b) Additional stockpiles destroyed after reported completion of the programme for destruction

Cluster munition type	Quantity destroyed	Lot number (if possible)			Explosive submunition type	Quantity destroyed*	Lot number (if possible)		Plans for destruction	Progress in destruction/ Date of completion
<b>None</b>										
<b>Total</b>					<b>Total</b>					

#### 4. Methods of destruction used

Cluster munition type	Details of the methods of destruction used
<b>Air bomb RBK 250-275 AO-1 SCh</b>	Disassembling, Cutting and Thermo-Destruction in the 1236 APE Rotary Kiln and Static Oven
<b>Air bomb RBK 500 AO-2,5 RT</b>	Disassembling and Thermo-Destruction in the 1236 APE Rotary Kiln and Static Oven
<b>Air bomb RBK 500 SHOAB-0,5 M</b>	Disassembling, Cutting, Thermo-Disposal in the 1236 APE Rotary Kiln and Static Oven
<b>Air bomb BKF AO-2,5 RT</b>	Disassembling and Thermo-Destruction in the 1236 APE Rotary Kiln and Static Oven
<b>Air bomb BKF AO-2,5 RTM</b>	Disassembling and Thermo-Destruction in the 1236 APE Rotary Kiln and Static Oven

\* INCLUDING explosive submunitions which are not contained in a cluster munition.

<b>Air bomb RBS 100</b>	Disassembling, Cutting and Deformation
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<i>Explosive submunition type</i>	<i>Details of the methods of destruction used</i>
<b>AO-1 SCh</b>	Cutting and Thermo-Destruction in the 1236 APE Rotary Kiln
<b>AO-2,5 RT</b>	Disassembling / Cutting Wash-Out and Thermo-Destruction in the APE 1236 Rotary Kiln and Static Oven
<b>SHOAB-0,5 M</b>	Disassembling / Wash-Out and Thermo-Disposal in the APE 1236 Rotary Kiln and Static Oven
<b>AO-2,5 RT</b>	Disassembling / Cutting Wash-Out and Thermo-Destruction in the APE 1236 Rotary Kiln and Static Oven
<b>AO-2,5 RTM</b>	Disassembling / Wash-Out and Thermo-Destruction in the APE 1236 Rotary Kiln and Static Oven
<b>AO-25-33</b>	Cutting and Deformation

**5. Applicable safety and environmental standards observed in destruction**

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**6. Challenges and international assistance and cooperation needed for the implementation of Article 3**

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Time period</i>	<i>Need</i>
N/A			

## Form C Cluster Munitions retained or transferred

### Article 7, paragraph 1

“States Parties retaining, acquiring or transferring cluster munitions or explosive submunitions for the purposes described in paragraphs 6 and 7 of this Article shall submit a detailed report on the planned and actual use of these cluster munitions and explosive submunitions and their type, quantity and lot numbers. If cluster munitions or explosive submunitions are transferred to another State Party for these purposes, the report shall include reference to the receiving party. Such a report shall be prepared for each year during which a State Party retained, acquired or transferred cluster munitions or explosive submunitions and shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (...).”

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#### 1. Type of cluster munitions or explosive submunitions RETAINED in accordance with article 3, paragraph 6

<i>Cluster munition Type</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Lot number</i>	<i>Explosive submunition type</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Lot number</i>	<i>Planned use</i>	<i>Supplementary information</i>
9N123K	5	87	9N24	250	87	Retained for training purposes of the Bulgarian Armed Forces	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>			

#### 2. Type of cluster munitions or explosive submunitions ACQUIRED in accordance with article 3, paragraph 6

<i>Cluster munition Type</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Lot number</i>	<i>Explosive submunition type</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Lot number</i>	<i>Planned use</i>	<i>Supplementary information</i>

<b>Total</b>			<b>Total</b>				

**3. Retained/acquired cluster munitions or explosive used during reporting period in accordance with article 3, paragraph 6**

<i>Cluster munition Type</i>	<i>Quantity used</i>	<i>Lot number</i>	<i>Explosive submunition type</i>	<i>Quantity used</i>	<i>Lot number</i>	<i>Description of actual use</i>	<i>Supplementary Information (e.g. origin)</i>
9N123K	1	87	9N24	50	87	Training purposes of the Bulgarian Armed Forces	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>			

**4. Type of cluster munitions or explosive submunitions transferred in accordance with article 3, paragraph 7**

<i>Cluster munition Type</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Lot number</i>	<i>Explosive submunition type</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Lot number</i>	<i>Purpose of transfer</i>	<i>Receiving State Party</i>	<i>Supplementary Information (e.g. steps taken to ensure destruction in receiving State)</i>
<b>Total</b>			<b>Total</b>					

## Form D Technical characteristics of each type produced/owned or possessed

### Article 7, paragraph 1

"Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General... on:

- (c) The technical characteristics of each type of cluster munition produced by that State Party prior to entry into force of this Convention for it, to the extent known, and those currently owned or possessed by it, giving, where reasonably possible, such categories of information as may facilitate identification and clearance of cluster munitions; at a minimum, this information shall include the dimensions, fusing, explosive content, metallic content, colour photographs and other information that may facilitate the clearance of cluster munition remnants.

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<i>Cluster munition type*</i>	<i>Dimensions of cluster munition</i>	<i>Cluster munition explosive content (type and weight)</i>	<i>Explosive submunition type and number*</i>	<i>Dimensions of cluster submunition</i>	<i>Submunition fusing</i>	<i>Submunition explosive content (type and weight)</i>	<i>Submunition metallic content (type and weight)</i>	<i>Other information that may facilitate clearance</i>

\* Please attach data sheets including colour photographs

## Form E Status and progress of programs for conversion or de-commissioning of production facilities

### Article 7, paragraph 1

"Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General... on:

- (d) The status and progress of programmes for the conversion or decommissioning of production facilities for cluster munitions.

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There are no programmes for the conversion or decommissioning of production facilities for cluster munitions in the Republic of Bulgaria.

<i>Name and location of production facility</i>	<i>Indicate if to "convert" or "decommission"</i>	<i>Status (indicate if "in process" or "completed") and progress of the programme</i>	<i>Supplementary information (e.g. plans and timetable for completion)</i>