

**Question for written answer E-000038/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Firearms Directive revision and the use of sound moderators

On 18 November 2015, the European Commission tabled proposals to amend the EU Firearms Directive (Directive 2008/51/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2008 amending Council Directive 91/477/EEC on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons).

In the proposed amendments there are calls to control sound moderators. Sound moderators are often used in the control of vermin on farmland.

Have any studies been conducted on how a restriction of sound moderators could impact the control of disease-spreading pests in and around private farmland and on the impact further controls will have on farm animals?