

**Question for written answer E-000180/2016/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Revision of the Firearms Directive: lack of consultation and impact assessment (DG GROW)

In 2013 Parliament requested that the Commission conduct an evaluation exercise on how the Firearms Directive has been implemented. The Commission was to present this evaluation to Parliament and the Council by July 2015. REFIT demands that stakeholders have to be consulted on all key aspects of an impact assessment during its preparation. There was no consultation with stakeholders and there is no impact assessment on shifting B7 weapons to category A, placing deactivated weapons in category A or C, placing alarm and signal weapons in category C, banning online purchases, limited permits, confiscating and destroying all category A weapons and other key aspects.

When did the Commission present the evaluation to Parliament and the Council, and where is the impact assessment for the non-consulted key aspects?

Why did DG Home give incorrect information to stakeholders who asked in November 2015 if B7 rifles and online purchases would be object to new legislation?

Why does the Commission claim urgency when the most important points have been known for more than 10 years and the evaluated problems cannot stop terrorism and crime but have a huge impact on citizens and the market?