

Question for written answer E-000182/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Firearms Directive: compensation for destroyed firearms and toys (DG HOME)

The proposal for a revision of the Firearms Directive (Directive 91/477/EEC as amended by Directive 2008/51/EC) includes moving registered rifles, as well as non-registered alarm and signal weapons, salute and acoustic weapons, replicas and non-shooting toys, from category 7 to category A if they resemble military weapons.

The proposal seeks the destruction of all category A items if the owner is a citizen and deactivation if the owner is a museum. The Commission did not however publish an external impact assessment for these proposals.

What are the real administration (red tape) costs and compensation costs for each of more than 2 million registered category A and B7 firearms, and the compensation costs for more than 100 million non-shooting replicas and the loss of artefacts by the deactivation of museum-owned firearms?