

**Question for written answer P-015424/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Tightening-up of weapons law

Only a few days after the terrorist attacks in Paris the Commission announced a tightening-up of weapons law which would serve to impose restrictions on the legal possession of weapons. The Commission proposal provides for: 1. stricter rules banning semi-automatic firearms; 2. tighter rules on the online purchase of firearms; 3. tighter rules governing alarm weapons in order to prevent them from being converted into fully functioning firearms; 4. stricter conditions governing the circulation of deactivated firearms; 5. stricter conditions for collectors in order to limit the risk of sale to criminals.

With reference to all the terrorist attacks carried out in the EU since 11 September 2001:

When and where have semi-automatic weapons, weapons bought online, converted alarm pistols, previously deactivated weapons or weapons bought from collectors been used in terrorist attacks?

When and where have legally purchased weapons been used in terrorist attacks?

With reference to the illegal arms trade and illegal arms shipments:

In the Commission's view, what impact would stringent checks at national borders have on the illegal arms trade and illegal arms shipments?