

**Question for written answer P-000099/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Revision of Firearms Directive and impact on historical re-enactment societies

On 18 November 2015, the Commission tabled proposals to amend the Firearms Directive (Council Directive 91/477/EEC on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons). I note that the proposals provide exemptions for museums, and for 'historical bodies'.

Can the Commission please confirm:

1. whether the exemption will cover re-enactment and living history groups?
2. whether, if these groups are covered, individual members will be able to own a deactivated gun whilst being a member of such a group?
3. whether, given that most groups do not have dedicated premises, members will still be able to store such items at home on behalf of other members of the group?

I need hardly add that such deactivated weapons cannot be used in any meaningful way as guns, and it would seem inappropriate to punish law-abiding citizens who own them.