

**Question for written answer P-002179/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Directive of the European Parliament and the Council amending Council Directive 91/447/EEC on the control of the acquisition and possession of weapons

In the newly proposed A6 category the term 'converted' (semi-automatic) firearms is introduced. How are such firearms defined, and in what way are such firearms thought to be more dangerous than a firearm of the same construction but that was manufactured as a semi-automatic firearm from the beginning?

The Commission already indicated that numerous examples of misuse of firearms in collections can be cited. Can the Commission give at least five examples of such misconduct, including a more detailed specification of the cases and the firearms involved?

In accordance with the Commission's proposed amendment to the Firearms Directive, (online) sales of firearms and their parts should be strictly restricted. How would the proposed restriction apply to online advertising, second-hand offers, advertisements in specialist magazines, and sales and resales of firearms between authorised individuals (hunters, sport shooters, etc.)?