

**Question for written answer E-007916/2011
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Firearms licences in the EU

Firearms licences are a sensitive topic in all Member States, particularly when issued for purposes other than hunting or target shooting. Given that the firearms licensing procedure is complex and time-consuming in some Member States, many Europeans apply in Member States other than their own.

Is it possible for a European to apply for a firearms licence in any Member State, regardless of nationality?

Will such a licence be valid under the same conditions in all Member States?

What are the criteria applicable to the transport of weapons for personal use in the EU?