

**Question for written answer E-003421/2014  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Firearms and the internal security of the EU: protecting citizens and disrupting illegal trafficking

Can the Commission please comment on its recent communication entitled 'Firearms and the internal security of the EU: protecting citizens and disrupting illegal trafficking', making reference, in particular, to the actions that it has already taken, or intends to take, to ensure that existing EU rules on legal firearms (laid down in the firearms directive) are upheld and enforced to the highest standards by the Member States?

Can the Commission please respond to the many accusations from my concerned constituents who claim that it is planning an unnecessary full review of these rules?

My constituents argue that rather than overhauling the firearms directive, the Commission should fulfil its enforcement obligations and focus on ensuring that the Member States better comply with the legally binding provisions already in place.

Would the Commission agree that it should be helping to fight the criminal organisations responsible for the illicit trafficking of firearms, rather than diverting limited public resources to make life harder for legal owners, who are already subject to strict regulation at EU level?