

**Question for written answer E-002031/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Private imports of weapons and weapon parts

I would like to raise the issue of private imports in regard to the Commission's October 2022 proposal on import, export and transit measures for firearms, their essential components and ammunition¹.

Private individuals with a licence (hunters, sports and recreational shooters, and collectors) in the EU are currently allowed to import weapons or weapon parts from non-EU countries. However, the Commission wishes to prevent this: 'Only arms dealers and brokers shall be authorised to import semi-finished firearms and semi-finished essential components' (Article 9(3) of the proposal).

In light of the above:

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the consequences that the suggested ban on imports of semi-finished firearms and semi-finished essential components by private individuals would have for the legal arms market in the EU in terms of supply and prices?
2. Was this factor taken into account during the drafting of the proposal?

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¹ Commission proposal of 27 October 2022 for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on import, export and transit measures for firearms, their essential components and ammunition, implementing Article 10 of the United Nations' Protocol against the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime (UN Firearms Protocol) (COM(2022)0480).