

**Question for written answer E-015400/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Proposed changes to the EU's Weapons Directive

In the wake of the recent horrific terrorist attacks, the Commission has stepped up its efforts to bring forward proposed amendments to the EU's Weapons Directive, which was adopted in 1991. The proposals include banning some semi-automatic weapons and placing tight restrictions on opportunities to purchase weapons and ammunition online. Although a concerted effort certainly needs to be made to stop terrorism in Europe, we should not allow terror to take over so that the decisions that are taken do not achieve their objectives.

With that in mind, could the Commission state:

1. exactly which semi-automatic weapons the proposal concerns;
2. where the added value lies in five-year weapons licenses;
3. why online sales should also be banned in countries which have well regulated and well-functioning systems in which both the buyer and the seller must have a license?