

**Question for written answer E-015841/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Package of legislation on the acquisition of firearms

The Commission recently adopted a package of legislative measures to make it more difficult to acquire firearms in the European Union, defining the rules governing the acquisition and possession of firearms and ensuring that legally held firearms can be traced. This package is an essential tool in the fight against crime and terrorism. The Commission proposal aims to ban the acquisition of certain types of semi-automatic firearms under any circumstance. However, the British Association for Shooting and Conservation has already expressed concern that some aspects of the proposed legislation could restrict sports shooting.

How would the Commission respond to the concern expressed by the British Association for Shooting and Conservation regarding the new package of legislation on the acquisition of firearms?