



## EU Legislation and Proposals for Deactivated Firearms Update 1 - 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015

The EU legislation is in two parts; a Regulation and amendments to an existing Firearms Directive. The Regulation introduces a new EU deactivation standard and **has already been agreed by the EU**. As such, it will be implemented by the UK and that this is likely to be in the first quarter of 2016 (subject to confirmation). The DWA is currently working with the Home Office and other stakeholders to clarify the standards and to confirm the implications of this for both collectors and traders.

**The amendments to the Directive are proposals only at this stage.** These proposals include prohibiting certain (automatic) deactivated firearms, introducing a registration scheme for deactivated firearms and restricting internet sales. **As proposals, they are subject to amendment and agreement by the European Parliament and then have to be transposed into UK law. There is significant opposition to the proposals both in the UK and all over Europe.**

**It is now essential that all collectors, reenactors, museums, security companies, film and TV companies and military vehicle enthusiasts who have an interest in deactivated firearms write to, email or visit their MEP and MP to voice their concerns.** We cannot stress how important this is as initial lobbying has already been successful in raising concern amongst MEPs and MPs and securing support in seeking amendments to the Directive.

Potentially these proposals will affect the hobbies, interests and businesses of tens of thousands of law-abiding UK citizens so please do your bit and contact your MEP and MP. **Don't just leave it to others and don't just assume that because they have already sent their letters and emails that your input won't make any difference. Every single letter or email reinforces the number of people affected by this and the level of dissatisfaction with the proposals.** If you need help with what to write, please see the DWA statement on this issue ([www.ukdwa.org](http://www.ukdwa.org)).

The DWA is working very hard to achieve the best implementation of an imposed regulation and to secure amendments to the Directive to ensure that deactivated firearms are not subject to unfair and unworkable prohibitions and restrictions. You can support us both by lobbying you MEP/MP and by joining the DWA as a public member (please see our website for further details).

### Additional Help everyone can give

1. Sign the online petition against the proposals. This is a Europe-wide petition which covers all aspects of the proposals including those associated with live firearms:

<https://www.change.org/p/council-of-the-european-union-eu-you-cannot-stop-terrorism-by-restricting-legal-gun-ownership>

2. Give your opinions directly to the EC. Follow this link to an online form allowing you to comment on the proposals in the Directive:

<https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/?fuseaction=feedback&docId=3085376&language=en%5DEU>

3. Share this information with collector friends and ask them to contact their MEPs and MPs, complete the petition and feedback to the EU



**Find out who your MEP is here:**

<http://www.europarl.org.uk/en/your-meps.html>

**Find who your MP is here:**

<http://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/mps/>

Additionally, we would suggest that you make your feelings clear by writing directly to the Home Office:

Rt Hon Theresa May MP  
Home Secretary  
2 Marsham Street  
London  
SW1P 4DF

Graham Widdecombe  
Head of Firearms  
Home Office  
Fry Building  
2 Marsham Street  
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