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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission shares the concern about the increasing number and often severe incidents with pyrotechnic articles, many of which involve the misuse of professional articles. The Commission is finalising the evaluation of the Pyrotechnics Directive¹ to identify any shortcomings in the Directive itself and its application by Member States. The evaluation is expected to be published in Spring 2025.

Following this evaluation, a decision will be taken by the Commission whether to revise the Directive based on an assessment of possible options. The Commission is closely following the implementation of the recently introduced Pyro-Pass in Benelux as a possible means to improve legal trade of pyrotechnic articles. The EU-wide introduction of such a system could be an option to be considered for the revision of the Directive.

In addition, the Commission has launched a study to assess the feasibility of the potential options to tackle the growing security problems posed by the criminal misuse of pyrotechnic articles, and to provide a more detailed picture of the issue. To note that Europol is also considering the matter of criminal misuse of pyrotechnic articles.

¹ Directive 2013/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 June 2013 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of pyrotechnic articles, <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2013/29/oj>