

*(English version)*

**Question for written answer E-002677/25  
to the Commission  
Giuseppe Antoci (The Left)  
(1 July 2025)**

*Subject:* Information on the EU infringement procedure against Italy for failure to transpose Directive (EU) 2021/555 on firearms

The Commission recently sent a letter of formal notice to Italy (procedure INFR(2025)2070) for failing to transpose Directive (EU) 2021/555 laying down strict rules on the control and traceability of civilian firearms in the European Union.

The directive is designed to harmonise the laws of the Member States with a view to combating illicit arms trafficking and ensuring greater security for the European public. The deadline for full transposition was 31 January 2023, but Italy has not yet completed this legislative process.

Given the importance of the directive in preventing criminal activities and ensuring greater public security across Europe, can the Commission state what its views are of the response provided by the Italian authorities under procedure INFR(2025)2070 and say what steps it considers need to be taken for Italy to correctly transpose Directive (EU) 2021/555?

Submitted: 1.7.2025

**Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission  
(11 September 2025)**

The Firearms Directive <sup>(1)</sup> aims to ensure the security of citizens in the EU by setting minimum standards for the acquisition, possession and commercial exchange of firearms.

In order to prevent potential discrepancies due to incorrect transposition into national law, it is crucial that the Member States implement the Firearms Directive in a correct manner. Italy notified the complete transposition of the Firearms Directive in 2018.

After a thorough review of the notified legislation on firearms, the Commission determined that the laws do not yet fully transpose the directive's provisions.

Therefore, the Commission launched an infringement procedure against Italy on 18 June 2025 <sup>(2)</sup>. Italy has two months to respond and address the remarks raised by the Commission. In the absence of a satisfactory response, the Commission may decide to issue a reasoned opinion.

To maintain an adequate level of confidentiality on the ongoing infringement procedure, the Commission is currently unable to provide further specific information on this procedure.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Directive (EU) 2021/555 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 2021 on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons (codification), OJ L 115, 6.4.2021, p. 1-25.

<sup>(2)</sup> INFR(2025)2070.