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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is aware of the health, safety and environmental concerns around the private use of fireworks. The placing on the market of pyrotechnic articles in the EU is regulated by Directive 2013/29/EU¹. This Directive provides Member States with a certain flexibility to restrict the possession, sale and use of consumer fireworks on grounds of public order, security, health and safety, or environmental protection. Possible measures may include use restrictions for private individuals. Several Member States have made use of this discretion.

The Commission considers that enforcement of the rules, as well as exchange and cooperation between Member States are key to address the circumvention of rules, misuse and illegal trade of fireworks. The Commission will continue to support Member States in the transposition and implementation of the Directive, in close cooperation with all Member State authorities concerned.

The Commission has published an evaluation² of Directive 2013/29/EU and carried out a feasibility study on reducing the security risks posed by the criminal misuse of pyrotechnics³. Those studies show a comprehensive picture of pyrotechnics-related issues in the EU and of the functioning of the Directive. They provide a solid basis for considerations on the need for additional EU-wide measures.

Following the assessment announced in the Internal Security Strategy ProtectEU⁴ and to address the identified shortcomings, the Commission is currently launching the impact assessment process for a revision of the Directive on pyrotechnic articles.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32013L0029>.

² [https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=SWD\(2025\)268&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=SWD(2025)268&lang=en).

³ <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/8c60b929-ba34-11f0-b37f-01aa75ed71a1>.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025DC0148>.