

Message 001

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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahajuje prodlení - Fristerne indledes ikke - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - No abre el plazo - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Ne otvara razdoblje kašnjenja - Nem nyitja meg a késésekét - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dewmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nezačína oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Inleder ingen frist - Ní osclaíonn sé na moilleanna

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4. 2025/0722/FR - X20M - Arms and munitions

5. Decree strengthening the regulation of bladed weapons

6. Bladed weapons

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8. The sale of weapons to minors is prohibited in France. Gunsmiths are already required to display a message reminding customers of this prohibition in their premises.

The decree aims to extend this warning requirement to websites offering bladed weapons for sale, whether these are professional or private sites. A provision adapts this requirement to online sales platforms, which must modify their technical specifications so that sellers can display this message on their product descriptions.

9. Acts of violence against individuals, particularly minors, are increasing in France and require a response from the public authorities. The preservation of public safety therefore necessitates the adoption of a number of measures aimed at better controlling bladed weapons in our country and improving prevention regarding the access of minors to these weapons.

Therefore, the draft decree's main objective is to strengthen communication surrounding the existing ban on the sale of weapons to minors. The increasingly frequent use of online marketplaces, and in particular online platforms connecting buyers and sellers, necessitates the adoption of measures specifically targeting these same. It should be noted that this draft text neither aims to nor has the effect of further restricting online commerce, but simply to hold its stakeholders accountable by requiring them to remind users of the existing legislation.

The text, which was developed in consultation with stakeholders in the relevant sectors, thus appears well-balanced.

10. References to relevant texts:

11. Yes

12. The proliferation of incidents, sometimes fatal, involving bladed weapons and minors requires a swift response from the French authorities. Attempted homicides involving minors increased from 205 in 2016 to 436 in 2024. Over the same period, the number of minors implicated in homicides rose from 34 to 119 cases for minors aged 13 to 17.

Furthermore, in 2024, in certain areas of the country (police jurisdictions except for Paris), the use of a bladed weapon in a crime or offence accounted for 61% of cases. Violence against individuals involving the use of bladed weapons by minors, and often against other minors, frequently receives significant media attention. Maintaining public order and safety, as well as protecting minors, necessitates the adoption of

measures aimed at restricting the circulation of certain weapons by prohibiting their acquisition and possession.

Furthermore, it seems essential to strengthen prevention efforts and accountability measures for sellers of weapons (professional or private), particularly online. In effect, online purchasing remains the easiest way for a minor to acquire a bladed weapon, as the procedures for verifying the buyer's identity, and therefore their age, are far less restrictive than those applied to purchases in physical stores.

In practice, minors who currently acquire bladed weapons do so through online sales sites.

13. No

14. No

15. Yes

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TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No

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