

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. 2026/0148/FR - X20M - Arms and munitions

5. Order laying down the rules on the display and the content of the notice stating that the sale of weapons to minors is prohibited

6. Weapons and munitions

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8. The sale of weapons to minors is prohibited in France. Weapons dealers are already required to display, on their premises, a notice reminding customers of this prohibition.

This Order is made pursuant to Article R. 313-17-1 of the Internal Security Code, introduced by the Decree amending the rules on bladed weapons (notified under reference 2025/722/FR), which extends this display requirement to distance selling.

This Order and its Annex therefore specify the content and technical characteristics of the notice that natural and legal persons engaged in the distance sale of weapons must display on the product description page.

9. Acts of violence against individuals, particularly minors, are increasing in France and require a response from the public authorities. Maintaining public safety therefore requires the adoption of a number of measures aimed at better controlling bladed weapons in the national territory and improving prevention of minors' access to such weapons.

This order supplements the Decree amending the rules on bladed weapons, which was also notified (2025/722/FR) and which extends to those engaged in the distance sale of weapons the obligation to display a notice stating that the sale of weapons to minors is prohibited.

Therefore, the main objective of the adoption of these measures is to strengthen awareness of the existing prohibition 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 them.

10. References to the relevant legal texts:

11. Yes

12. The proliferation of incidents, sometimes fatal, involving bladed weapons and minors requires a rapid 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 aged 13 to 17 implicated in homicide rose from 34 to 119 .

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, whilst the principle of banning the sale of weapons to minors has long been in place, it seems essential to place greater emphasis on prevention and on ensuring that weapons sellers—whether professional dealers or private individuals—act responsibly, particularly online.

Indeed, online purchasing remains the easiest means for a minor to acquire a bladed weapon, as the procedures for verifying the purchaser's identity, and therefore their age, are far less restrictive than those applied to purchases in physical retail premises.

13. No

14. No

15. Yes

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TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No

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