

**Question for written answer E-000052/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: The increasing danger posed by, and misuse of, powerful fireworks and the growing threat to European public safety

In the Netherlands, attacks involving powerful fireworks constitute an increasing threat to public safety. More than 500 explosions have already been recorded this year; most are due to category F4 fireworks. That category is intended for professional use only, but illegal trade – often in the hands of organised crime – is continuing to grow. In particular, Cobra 6/8 and similar fireworks or imitations are widely sold. Such bangers have an impact similar to a hand grenade and can cause serious injury.

Although the Netherlands and France have made moves towards a coordinated European approach, lack of agreement on the part of other Member States is preventing firm action from being taken. Accordingly:

1. Does the Commission acknowledge the danger posed by, and the increasing misuse of, powerful fireworks, such as Cobra 6/8, and their role in criminal activities, such as attacks and threats?
2. Given the importance of EU citizens' safety and well-being, can the Commission say whether, despite the reluctance of some Member States, it will put forward a specific proposal to step up the rules governing powerful fireworks and consider introducing a European PyroPass? If not, why not?

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