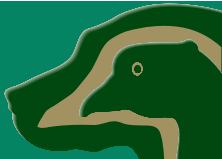


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The British Association for Shooting & Conservation

COMMISSION PROPOSALS FOR FIREARMS

The Unintended Consequences for the UK

PUBLIC SAFETY

Proposals to **ban access of under 18 year olds to firearms** will damage training in safe and responsible use.



Proposals on **medical tests** may stop UK progress towards **24/7/365 medical monitoring of firearms owners** and impose unnecessary red tape.



Proposals to **restrict licence length** could block UK moves to free up resources and improve public safety by introducing 10 year licences.

FOOD SECURITY



Proposals to **extend the ban on semi-automatic rifles** will harm **pest control** – the .22 rimfire semi auto is the preferred rifle for rabbit control – with knock on effects on farm incomes and food prices.



RESTRICTING TRADE

Proposals on **advertising and sales** will damage the legally controlled sale and purchase of firearms across the UK.

HERITAGE AND CULTURE



Proposals on **deactivation** could force museums to destroy world famous collections of firearms.

WORKING DOGS



Proposed controls on **guns using blanks** will negatively affect training for working gun dogs.

The UK has some of the **toughest firearms laws in the world** and is widely seen as a role model by other countries and international commentators. The **Commission proposals put the UK model of firearms regulations at risk from unintended consequences and must be amended.**

