

FRENCH REPUBLIC

Ministry of the Interior

Decree No of Strengthening the regulation of bladed weapons

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Groups concerned: *Manufacturers, traders and holders of edged weapons as defined in this decree*

Subject: *This Decree contains several measures relating to the classification and trade of weapons.*

It classifies certain particularly dangerous edged weapons in category A1, corresponding to weapons whose acquisition and possession are prohibited.

It specifies the obligation for manufacturers, retailers and online vendors to display notices prohibiting the sale of weapons to minors.

Finally, the decree introduces a fine in the event of non-compliance with these information obligations.

Entry into force: *The Decree shall enter into force on the day after its publication*

The Prime Minister,

Following the report of the Minister of State, Minister for the Interior

Having regard to the Internal Security Code;

Having heard the Council of State,

Hereby decrees:

Article 1

Book III of the Internal Security Code (regulatory section) is amended in accordance with the provisions of Articles 2 to 11 of this Decree.

Article 2

In point 10° of section I of Article R. 311-1, the word: the word 'explosive' is replaced by the word 'blunt'.

Article 3

Four paragraphs are inserted after point 12° of section I of Article R. 311-2, worded as follows:

'13° Knives, cutlery and machetes, with fixed blade having a sharp side, a pointed end, a serrated side and having in addition either more than one hole in the blade, or several sharp tips, or bearing images or words of a violent or deadly nature;

'14° Blunt weapons known as "knuckle-dusters" of a model dating after 1 January 1900 which, by design, allow one or more fingers to be protected and to hold the weapon while accentuating the wounding effectiveness of the strike.

'This category includes mixed weapons combining a blunt weapon as described in the preceding subparagraph with either a firearm, a bladed weapon, a direct contact electric shock weapon or a tear-gas or incapacitating aerosol dispenser with capacity of 100 ml or less, with the exception of those classified in the other categories;

Article 4

Article R. 313-16 is amended as follows:

1° In the first sub-paragraph, after the words: 'C, and', the following character is inserted: 'a,';

2° the first sentence of 3° is worded as follows: 'In the case of permanent exhibition of category C weapons and category D a and h weapons: ';

3° At the beginning of point 5°, the following words s are inserted: 'Weapons classified in category D and'.

Article 5

After Article R. 313-16, an Article R. 313-16-1 is added, worded as follows:

'Article R. 313-16-1. – Natural or legal persons engaged in the trade of weapons defined in I of Article R. 311-1 and who are not subject to the obligations of Article R. 313-16 must display at places of sale and exhibition the prohibition of the sale of these weapons to minors. '.

Article 6

After Article R. 313-17, an Article R. 313-17-1 is added, worded as follows:

'Article R. 313-17-1. - Any site offering weapons as defined in I of Article R. 311-1 for sale online shall include a message warning that the sale of weapons is prohibited to minors, displayed on the home and payment pages. This message cannot be changed and must be fixed and legible. Its content cannot be altered. '.

Article 7

After Article R. 313-54, a new section is added, worded as follows:

'Section 9: Miscellaneous provisions

'Article R. 313-55. — Natural or legal persons engaged in the manufacture, trade or brokerage of newly classified or reclassified weapons after they have been manufactured or offered for sale shall have six months following the entry into force of the decision to classify or reclassify to submit their applications for approval or authorisations provided for in Articles R. 313-1, R. 313-8 or R. 313-28.

The natural or legal persons referred to in the previous subparagraph shall be authorised to continue their activity until notification of the decision provided for in Articles R. 313-1, R. 313-8 or R. 313-28.

'In the event of refusal, they shall have three months to transfer the weapons concerned to a professional with the necessary authorisations or to hand them over to the State for destruction. '.

Article 8

Article R. 316-26 is amended as follows:

in 1° of I, the following words are inserted after the words 'weapons': 'of 13 and 14 of category A1';

2° In section II, after the words: 'weapons, ammunition and their components' the following words are inserted: 'of 13 and 14° of category A1,'.

Article 9

After Article R. 317-9-3 of the same code, an Article R. 317-9-4 is added, worded as follows:

'Article R. 317-9-4. - Failure by any person engaged in the manufacture or trade of weapons, ammunition or their components to comply with the display obligation laid down in 6° of Article R. 313-16 and Articles R. 313-16-1 and R. 313-17-1 shall be punishable by the fine provided for category four offences. '

Article 10

Articles R. 344-1 and R. 345-1 are amended as follows:

1° The line:

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R. 311-1 to R. 311-3	Resulting from Decree No 2024-615 of 27 June 2024
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is replaced by the following three lines:

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R. 311-1	Resulting from Decree No 2024-615 of 27 June 2024
R. 311-2	Resulting from Decree XXX
R. 311-3	Resulting from Decree No 2024-615 of 27 June 2024

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2° The line:

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R. 313-15-1 and R. 313-16	Resulting from Decree No 2018-542 of 29 June 2018
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is replaced by the following two lines:

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R. 313-15-1	Resulting from Decree No 2018-542 of 29 June 2018
R. 313-16 and R. 313-16-1	Resulting from Decree XXX

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3° after the line:

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R. 313-17	Resulting from Decree No 2023-557 of 3 July 2023
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the following line is inserted:

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R. 313-17-1	Resulting from Decree XXX
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3° after the line:

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R. 313-54	Resulting from Decree No 2022-144 of 8 February 2022
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The following line is inserted:

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R. 313-55	Resulting from Decree XXX
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4° after the line:

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R. 317-9-2 and R. 317-9-3	Resulting from Decree No 2023-557 of 3 July 2023
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the following line is inserted:

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R. 317-9-4	Resulting from Decree XXX
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Article 11

In Article L. 347-1, the line:

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R. 311-2	Resulting from Decree No 2024-615 of 27 June 2024
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is replaced by the line:

R. 311-2	Resulting from Decree XXXX
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Article 12

1° This Decree shall enter into force on the day after its publication.

2° By way of derogation from the provisions of Article R. 312-65 of the Internal Security Code, persons holding weapons referred to in points 13° and 14° of section I of Article R. 311-2 of the code, as amended by Article 1 of this Decree, shall have three months in which to hand them over to the State for destruction.

3° The second subparagraph of Article R. 313-55 of the Internal Security Code does not apply to natural or legal persons engaged in the manufacture, trade or brokering of weapons classified in points 13° and 14° of section I of R. 311-2 of the code.

4° The provisions of this Article shall apply in French Polynesia and New Caledonia. Paragraph 1 of this Article shall apply in the French Southern and Antarctic Lands.

Article 13

This Decree shall be published in the Official Journal of the French Republic.

The Minister of State for the Interior,

Bruno RETAILLEAU

The Minister of State, Minister for Overseas Affairs,

Manuel VALLS

The Minister for Justice

Gérald DARMANIN

The Minister for the Economy,
Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty

Éric LOMBARD

The Prime Minister,

François BAYROU

Dated