

**Question for written answer E-004616/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Restriction of lead in hunting ammunition under the REACH Regulation

As part of the proposed restriction of lead in ammunition under the REACH Regulation, the Commission has proposed transitional periods of three years for lead shot and eighteen months for centre-fire bullets.

Hunters play an essential role in managing fauna across Europe, creating clear benefits for society by helping to control overpopulated species that cause agricultural damage and reducing traffic accidents caused by animals. According to a socio-economic study carried out by REACHLaw Ltd in 2021, around 25 % of hunters would stop hunting and at least 30 % would hunt less often if lead ammunition were banned. The study also indicates that millions of arms would have to be modified or replaced, with one-off costs of up to EUR 14.5 billion.

Therefore:

1. What is the Commission's view of the socio-economic predictions that this will lead to a significant reduction in hunting activity?
2. Will the Commission revise these timeframes, taking into account the costs and potential risks to effective wildlife management in the EU?

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