

Question for written answer E-001591/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Equal treatment of sport shooting disciplines under the proposed lead shot restrictions

The Commission has proposed that the use of lead shot in sport shooting, as well as its placing on the market, be prohibited following a five-year transition period. The proposal includes a derogation allowing the continued use and retailing of lead shot of sizes between 1.9 mm and 2.6 mm at outdoor shooting ranges, subject to specific risk management measures.

However, this derogation appears to apply primarily to certain clay target disciplines, such as skeet and trap. Other disciplines – including practical/dynamic shooting, where the use of lead shot with a wider range of sizes is mandatory under international rules – are not covered by equivalent provisions. This could prevent the organisation of international competitions in the EU and restrict athletes' training.

1. How does the Commission justify treating comparable sport shooting disciplines differently, in particular, its treatment of practical shooting compared to clay target disciplines?
2. How does the proposal comply with the principles of equal treatment and non-discrimination, and the obligation to provide adequate reasoning?

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