

**Priority question for written answer P-002809/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Managing lead gunshot at outdoor sports shooting ranges

The Commission has proposed prohibiting the discharge of lead gunshot at outdoor sport shooting ranges, with a transitional period of five years. By way of a derogation of that time limit, Member States may authorise the use of lead gunshot sizes between 1.9 and 2.6 mm at sport shooting ranges provided that the risk management measures laid down in Appendix X are in place. One of the conditions for authorisation is that outdoor sport shooting ranges have ‘containment, monitoring and, where necessary, treatment of drainage water (including surface water run-off) from gunshot-impact areas to ensure compliance with the environmental quality standard for lead specified under Directive 2000/60/EC’.

Could the Commission clarify:

1. how many outdoor shooting ranges in the EU already fulfil the proposed water treatment requirement;
2. the estimated cost per outdoor shooting range of installing the water treatment required under the proposal;
3. the practical implications of the reference to the environmental quality standard for lead specified under Directive 2000/60/EC?

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