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Answer given by Ms Roswall
on behalf of the European Commission
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The restriction proposal referred to by the Honourable Member has not yet been adopted. It was discussed in the relevant regulatory committee in February¹, April² and June³ 2025 and further discussions will take place later in 2025.

The draft proposal, like that for other restrictions, is based on publicly available opinions of the European Chemical Agency's Risk Assessment Committee and Social and Economic Assessment Committee and related background documents⁴, which include information on cost/benefit calculations and possible risk management measures.

The current draft proposal refers to water treatment 'where necessary'. As explained in the background documents, the type of water management implemented and, if necessary, the type of treatment would depend on several factors including the ground permeability in the shooting range. It is not possible to say how many outdoor shooting ranges in the Union would require treatment of their drainage water to be installed. For similar reasons it is difficult to indicate a uniform cost, but the background provides some estimates of the cost of water collection and treatment measures^{5,6}.

The Water Framework Directive⁷ (WFD) obliges Member States to ensure, inter alia, that surface water bodies achieve good chemical status. The reference to the environmental quality standard (EQS) for lead aims to ensure that the measures taken to contain and, where necessary, treat drainage water are sufficient for that EQS to be met in the receiving surface water body. Good chemical status is achieved by a surface water body if it complies with all the EQS in Annex I to the Environmental Quality Standards Directive⁸ including the EQS for lead.

¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/comitology-register/screen/documents/105447/1/consult?lang=en>.

² <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/comitology-register/screen/documents/107638/1/consult?lang=en>.

³ <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/comitology-register/screen/documents/108757/1/consult?lang=en>.

⁴ <https://echa.europa.eu/registry-of-restriction-intentions/-/dislist/details/0b0236e1840159e6>.

⁵ <https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/14c4fceb-31b4-aea2-a9b5-75cdccf8013f>.

⁶ <https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/8009dd7e-07e7-462b-941f-1d8884d43f85>.

⁷ Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy, OJ L 327, 22.12.2000, p. 1.

⁸ Directive 2008/105/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy, OJ L 348, 24.12.2008, p. 84.