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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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The estimated number of shotgun shooting ranges in the EU in the scope of the proposed restriction on lead in ammunition and in fishing tackle is approximately 4,000. These numbers are based on a survey from 2020 covering all Member States and on data provided by industry associations¹. The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) opinions² duly considered these estimates, including those of the cost of water collection and treatment, as best available information for the assessment of the related socio-economic impacts as explained in the reply P-002809/2025³.

Therefore, the restriction proposal fulfils the requirements of Article 73 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)⁴ and its process complies with the relevant Better Regulation elements and principles.

¹ Annex B.9.1.3. of the Background Document to the Opinion on the Annex XV dossier proposing restrictions on Lead in outdoor shooting and fishing - Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) and Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC) ANNEX to the ECHA/RAC/RES-O-0000007115-80-01/F and ECHA/SEAC/RES-O-0000007178-68-01/F.

² <https://echa.europa.eu/registry-of-restriction-intentions/-/dislist/details/0b0236e1840159e6>.

³ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-10-2025-002809-ASW_EN.html.

⁴ Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2006/1907/2025-06-23>.