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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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The scope of the Commission's proposal to restrict lead shot under the Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)¹ is limited to outdoor shooting. The placing on the market and use of lead gunshot for indoor shooting is not covered by the proposed measures. This is clarified both in the Annex (paragraph 38) and in the Act (recital 37) of the Commission proposal².

The proposed restriction does not apply to the placing on the market and use of lead gunshot for indoor use and would allow continued sale of lead shot intended for use in indoor shooting ranges. Therefore, no derogation for this use is necessary. Following the usual REACH procedure, the Commission's proposal is currently being discussed with the REACH Committee and will subsequently be subject to the scrutiny of the European Parliament and the Council.

¹ 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) (OJ L 396, 30.12.2006, p. 1, <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2006/1907/oj>).

² <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/comitology-register/screen/documents/105447/5>.