

WRITTEN QUESTION E-6131/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Civil liability insurance for hunting

I tabled a question to the Commission on the subject of civil liability insurance for hunting in July (P-4304/08). Since the answer was incomplete and did not address all my questions, I would ask the Commission to consider this matter once again.

The use of firearms means that hunting is an activity that carries some risks.

However, there is no standard rule at EU level concerning the amount covered in the event of injuries suffered while hunting. This leads to divergences to the detriment of hunters from certain Member States. Consequently, the provisions and standards within the EU should as far as possible be standardised so that, in the event of injury, professional and amateur hunters are covered by the same conditions in all Member States.

Given the increase in cross-border contacts between hunters throughout the EU, such harmonisation is needed in the field of civil liability insurance for hunting.

How will the Commission deal with this imbalance?

Does the Commission acknowledge the need for harmonisation, and will it therefore take steps in this direction?