

**Question for written answer E-001629/2019  
to the Commission**

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Subject: ECHA study on the potential effects of lead on human and animal health

In September 2018, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) presented a report to the Commission studying the impact of the use of lead munitions near wetlands, as well as the use of lead fishing sinkers. The ECHA recommends in its report that European rules should be established to restrict or prohibit such use on the grounds that this would limit the negative impact on human and animal health. It also argues that alternatives to lead elements are adequate and easily available.

However, some experts dispute the findings of this study, and analyses are available that point to shortcomings in the measurements carried out by the ECHA.

Does the Commission consider the ECHA study to be adequate, objective and complete? What next steps is the Commission planning to take on the basis of this study, and when?

Is the Commission considering commissioning a further study from another author on a similar topic to verify the conclusions of the ECHA study?

Will the Commission draft a comprehensive impact study on this matter?