

**Question for written answer E-002733/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: The use of lead in ammunition

The Commission considers ammunition containing lead an environmental hazard, and has recently asked the ECHA (European Chemicals Agency) to draft a report on restricting the use of lead in ammunition.

Does the Commission intend to propose a blanket ban on the use of lead in ammunition?

Will this prohibition also be applicable to weapons used for hunting and sports, such as target shooting?

Moreover, has the Commission considered the adverse effects that alternatives to lead may have, particularly in specific cases and in areas with unique geomorphological characteristics, such as the rubble walls found in the Maltese Islands, where there is high potential for ricochets?