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Dear Colleagues,

At the request of the European Commission (EC), the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has prepared a proposal for a restriction of the use of lead in ammunition for hunting, outdoor sports and in fishing. Along with the ISSF, many of you contributed with comments during 2021 when the consultation period was open for the restriction report. ECHA received 319 comments during this consultation.

As announced in January 2022, the two subcommittees of ECHA - the Committee on Risk Assessment (RAC) and the Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC) – published their opinions on the 29th of June, 2022. From the restriction, RAC addresses human health and environmental issues and SEAC analyses socio-economic impacts. These documents* are available on the ECHA website and more information (available in many languages) can be accessed here: <https://echa.europa.eu/restrictions-under-consideration/-/substance-rev/61901/term>

During the committee's opinion making process it is possible to submit comments. Please observe that the final deadline for these comments is **23:59 Helsinki time (EET) on the 29th of August, 2022**. It is also possible to supply information to specific questions regarding sports shooting and steel gunshot and also lead gunshot recovery (other questions also for hunting and fishing).

Consultations help to provide information and are needed for necessary updates to the proposal. It is important that we share our expert knowledge for consideration. After this consultation period, the committees' opinions are currently expected to be ready at the end of 2022. After this step they will be sent to the EC for the final decisions. If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to read through the opinions, the background documents and even the responses made to the comments of the restriction report. Please then send your comments to ECHA about the proposal before the consultation ends (29/08/2022). Please note that you may participate as an individual or organization and even if you are outside the EU.

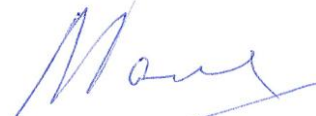
If you have any questions or need assistance with the process, please send an email to: esc@escsport.eu

The ESC and ISSF Sustainability Committee are here to support you and are willing to organize a digital forum if there is interest. Please indicate if you are interested in this in your email. Also, please note, this should be done before the **11th August, 2022** to allow for the forum to be held before the end of August 2022.

*Short guide to documents found in the table on the ECHA website (<https://echa.europa.eu/restrictions-under-consideration/-/substance-rev/61901/term>):

- **Consultation on SEAC draft opinion** “Give comments” (opens the web form)
- **Draft opinion of SEAC** (including the **Background document** + **Appendix**, also **Information notes** available in different languages)
- **Restriction report** (including Annexes, Submitted Comments, Response to comments, also Information notes available in different languages)
- Guidance on ECHAs restriction and consultation process can be accessed via links at the top and bottom of the webpage.

Best regards,



Alexander Ratner
President