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# WORKSHOP LEAD IN AMMUNITION



# THE SITUATION AT EUROPEAN LEVEL

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## **Current situation regarding the phasing out of lead shot in wetlands within the EU**

**1** Member State, Denmark has a ban on the use and trade of lead shot

**2** Member States, the Netherlands, plus the Flemish region of Belgium have banned all use of lead shot for hunting and sport shooting.

**14** Member States (BG, CY, CZ, DE, HU, IT, ES, FI, FR, GR, LV, PT, SE, UK) have banned lead shot either on wetlands or for waterfowl hunting

**4** Member States (AT, EE, LU, SK) ban on the use the near future .

**4** Member States (IE, LT, RO, SI) discussions are underway.

**3** Member States (HR, MT, PL) have no ban on lead shot.



- There is no EU legislation restricting the use of lead in ammunition
- From ORNIS Committee October 2011....
- “The Commission as a contracting party to AEWa can only encourage Member States to fulfil their commitment to phasing out use of lead shot in wetlands and monitor the situation but has no other leverage in this context
- However, among legal instruments available to the Commission and the Member States, potentially applicable to the case of lead shot in wetlands, is REACH”



- From ORNIS Committee October 2011....cont.
- “In such a case the Regulation requires the Commission and the Member States to act as follows
- the Commission shall ask the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) to prepare a dossier for restriction proposal. If the dossier demonstrates that action on a Community-wide basis is necessary, beyond any measures already in place, ECHA shall suggest restrictions, in order to initiate restriction process;
- a Member State shall prepare a dossier for restriction proposal. If the dossier demonstrates that action on a Community-wide basis is necessary, beyond any measures already in place, the Member State shall submit to ECHA the dossier, in order to initiate restriction process.”



- REACH – in 2012
- The Commission and some Member States asked Sweden to expand on a restriction proposal on lead to include lead shot.
- In this regard FACE was involved in submitting evidence to a consultancy firm (AMEC) who were contracted to look into the feasibility of phasing out the use of lead shot in wetlands.
- On the basis of this report ECHA consulted with the initiating Member State (Sweden) and the Commission on whether to proceed with a Restriction.
- In December 2013 it is our understanding that it was decided not to include a restriction of lead in shot used for hunting purposes , but focused on restricting lead in certain articles intended for consumer use.
- Not over though...



- Other policy drivers..
- EFSA – European Food Safety Authority
- DG SANCO - Water framework Directive
- CMS / AEWA



## FACE Position:

FACE supports the ban on the use of lead shot in wetlands and would like to see this effective throughout the EU, through legal provisions and appropriate awareness measures. However we consider that a total ban on the use of lead shot would have a disproportionate negative impact on the greater majority of hunters.

