

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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## NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>SWEDEN</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of the Environment <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Ammunition containing lead
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Ordinance (1998:944) on the prohibition, etc. in certain cases in conjunction with the handling, importation and export of chemical products (3 pages in English)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Introduction of a prohibition against using ammunition containing lead. As regards ammunition containing lead shot, a prohibition on offering for sale and transfer is also introduced. Ammunition that contains lead shot may not be used for hunting in areas of wetlands or for shooting after 31 December 2001 and may not be used for hunting in other areas after 31 December 2005. After the latter date, ammunition that contains lead shot may not be commercially offered for sale or transferred. After the end of 2007, bullet ammunition that contains lead may not be used for hunting or shooting. An exception is made for shooting at a shooting gallery or shooting range where ammunition after use is collected in an environmental bullet backstop or taken care of in another way that is acceptable from a health and environmental perspective. The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency is empowered to make regulations concerning exceptions from certain prohibitions if, having regard to the purpose of or the security in use, there is no acceptable lead-free alternative ammunition.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Exposure to lead may have adverse effects on the health of humans and the environment. The discharge of lead shot has caused manifest problems, particularly in wetlands. In the opinion of the Government, contained in the Swedish Environment Goals (Government Bill 1997/98:145 p. 240 ff), the use of lead shot should be prohibited for all hunting and basically for all shooting. Furthermore, the use of lead should be phased-out over time. The proposal implements these intentions as regards lead in ammunition.

8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Ordinance (1998:944) on the prohibition, etc. in certain cases in conjunction with the handling, importation and export of chemical products.				
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10.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 11 October 2001				
11.	<b>Texts available from:</b> National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:				