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Restrict the possession, use and sale of lead ammunition; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Restriction of lead ammunition

- (1) Any person who possesses, uses or places on the market lead ammunition for the purpose of shooting animals is guilty of an offence.
- (2) Any person who possesses, uses or places on the market lead ammunition for the purpose of target shooting is guilty of an offence. 5
- (3) Exceptions to the offences in subsections (1) and (2) are set out in section 3.

2 Penalty

A person guilty of an offence under section 1 is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.

3 Exceptions to section 1

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- (1) Serving members of the armed forces, serving police officers and border control officers are not guilty of an offence under section 1 if the person shows that their possession, use or sale of lead ammunition has been carried as part of their official duties, following written authorisation from a superior officer.
- (2) Persons are not guilty of an offence under section 1(1) of possession of lead ammunition for the purpose of shooting animals if the ammunition in their possession was acquired before the commencement of section 1(1). This exception expires on 1 September 2025. 15

4 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales only. 20
- (2) This Act, with the exception of section 1(2), comes into force on 1 July 2022.

- (3) Section 1(2) comes into force on 1 September 2025.
- (4) This Act may be cited as the Lead Ammunition (Restriction) Act 2022.

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