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**amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament
and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and
Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards lead in fishing tackle**

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Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 is amended as follows:

(1) In entry 63, column 2, the following paragraphs are added:

	‘ 21. Shall not be placed on the market or used for fishing, in a concentration of lead (expressed as metal) equal to or greater than 1% by weight: (a) in sinkers and in lures weighing 50 g or less, and not covered by point (c) of this paragraph, from <i>[Publications Office: insert date 3 years after EIF]</i>; (b) in sinkers and in lures weighing 1 Kg or less, but more than 50 g, and not covered by point (c) of this paragraph, from <i>[Publications Office: insert date 5 years after EIF]</i>; (c) in fishing wires and in drop-in sinkers, from <i>[Publications Office: insert date 6 months after EIF]</i>. 22. From <i>[Publication Office: insert date 6 months after EIF]</i>, retailers of fishing sinkers and lures of any dimension or weight, containing lead in concentrations equal to or greater than 1% by weight, shall clearly and visibly display the following information, at the point of sale and in close proximity to the products mentioned above or, in the case of distance sales, in the distance sales offer: ‘WARNING: this product contains lead which is very toxic to the environment and may damage fertility or the unborn child. The use of lead in ammunition and fishing tackle is restricted in the EU from: - <i>[Publication Office: insert date 3 years after EIF]</i> for sinkers and lures weighing 50 g or less - <i>[Publication Office: insert date 5 years after EIF]</i> for sinkers and lures weighing 1 Kg or less, but more than 50 g. - <i>[Publication Office: insert date 6 months after EIF]</i> for drop-in wires and drop-in sinkers of any weight. <i>More information, including on the availability of lead-free alternatives, is available at [www.echa.europa.eu]’</i> The information referred to in the first sub-paragraph shall be in the official languages of the Member State where the point of sale is established or, in the case of distance sales, in the official languages of the Member State of the offer unless the Member State concerned provides otherwise regarding those languages. 23. By way of derogation, paragraph 21 and 22 shall not apply to: (a) lures made of copper alloys containing a concentration of lead (expressed as metal) less than 3% by weight; (b) split shot weighing 0.06 g or less that is placed on the market in spill-proof and child-resistant packaging.
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	24. By way of derogation, paragraph 21, points (a) and (b) shall not apply to fishing sinkers and lures placed on the market in the Union before, respectively, <i>[Publications Office: insert date of 3 years from EiT]</i> and <i>[Publications Office insert date of 5 years from EiT]</i>. 25.25. For the purposes of paragraphs 21 to 26: (a) “sinker” means a weight that is attached to a fishing line, a lure or a fishing net to keep it under the water, or to keep a fishing line, a lure or a fishing net in a certain position; A weight that is enclosed, embedded or threaded in a fishing net, a lure or a line is not a sinker; (b) “lure” means an object that is used to attract fish or other animals, so that they can be caught; (c) “fishing wire” means a thin thread of metal that is intended to be cut in short pieces and used as a weight to keep lures under the water; (d) “drop-in sinker” means a sinker that is intended to be deliberately released during use; (e) “split shot” means a small piece of metal that is pinched around the fishing line to add weight to it; 26. Member States may maintain national provisions for protection of the environment or human health in force on <i>[Publications Office: insert date of EIF]</i> and restricting the use of lead in lures, sinkers, and fishing wires that are stricter than provided for in paragraphs 21-24. The Member State shall communicate the text of those national provisions to the Commission without delay. The Commission shall make publicly available without delay any such texts of national provisions received by it. ,
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