

Section 355, Title 14, CCR is added to read:

~~§355. Weapons and Ammunition Authorized for the Taking of Big Game.~~

§355. Ammunition Authorized for Taking Big Game and Nongame Birds and Nongame Mammals in Condor Range. In addition to those conditions provided for in sections 353 and 475, only centerfire rifle, centerfire pistol, muzzleloading, shotgun slug, and rimfire ammunition using projectiles certified pursuant to this section as containing no lead (as defined by subsection 353(h)) shall be used for the taking of big game and nongame birds and nongame mammals in condor range (see subsection 353(h)).

- (a) Ammunition Certification Process. Any person or manufacturer of ammunition or projectiles wishing to have their ammunition or projectiles certified for hunting big game or nongame birds and nongame mammals in condor range shall submit the information identified in subsections (b)(1)-(5) to the California Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife Programs Branch, Sacramento. The Department shall accept or reject the request within 60 days of receipt. The ammunition or projectiles whose request has been accepted will be added to the list entitled "Certified ammunition and projectiles for hunting big game and nongame birds and nongame mammals in condor range" maintained by the Department.
- (b) Information required for consideration of certification:
 - (1) Name of Manufacturer of ammunition or projectile, address, and contact information.
 - (2) For ammunition certifications, information shall specify as to caliber, cartridge designation, and projectile. Projectile specifications shall include unique identifying characteristics and percent content of lead by weight.
 - (3) For projectile certifications, information shall specify as to unique identifying characteristics and percent content of lead by weight.
 - (4) Signed statement verifying that all information provided is accurate.
 - (5) Digital color image of projectile or ammunition.
- (c) The Department shall determine, based on information supplied, if the projectile contains less than the percent lead content by weight as defined in 353(h).
- (d) The Department shall update the list of certified ammunition and projectiles no less than once annually and make it available to hunters.
- (e) The Department shall decertify and remove from the list any projectiles or ammunition if information is received that it does not meet the standards set forth in subsection (b) within 60 days of receipt.

NOTE: Authority: Sections 200, 202 and 203, 3004.5, Fish and Game Code.
Reference: Sections 200, 202, 203, 203.1, 207, 2055 and 3004.5,
Fish and Game Code.