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Total gobbledegook. This is what I have just got back from Cabinet office,;

This means that shoots organised by companies who provide equipment and staffing (including instructors - who are exempt as working) can organise shoots with multiple six-person parties concurrently within this, and so therefore resolve this through specific guidance without a specific exemption.

Further to the above, where individuals wish to organise a shoot that is not on private land (including gardens of a private dwelling), they may otherwise organise a shoot as a registered company they would need to establish for this purpose, which we think will likely cover a wider revised exemption applicable to sporting activity.



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We have formally decided on a policy of exemption. The lawyers are having a total nightmare working out how to write it. So if we can do it within guidance without an exemption - for example because pegs are >2m apart - that will be much easier

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We can. As an organised sport. But your lawyers thought that shoots were companies. Which a tiny number are. Hunts are though.

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NM **Nigel Adams MP** 11 Sep 2020 11:19 AM +00:00
Welcome to Rishi, who will no doubt understand the huge financial impact of this if we don't get the sport exempted

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Completely agree!

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Can you add Michael Gove please?

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Will do

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MM **Michael Gove MP** 11 Sep 2020 11:48 AM +00:00
Hi!

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Welcome to CDL also

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That's definitely socially distanced



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Ugh;

Under the regulations, even if shooting can be defined as an "organised sport" which we don't think is possible (but if we came up with something) this still would not allow it to be done in groups larger than six on private land. It would allow groups larger than six to shoot in public open spaces and on business/charitable premises. The team are aware that shooting mostly occurs on private land and therefore trying to define it as an organised sport would actually not be very beneficial to the outcome we want to achieve.

As you know, Minister Pow leads on this policy area. The Minister flagged the environmental impact of not enough/large enough shoots taking place this year. She said as 100,000s of pheasants have already been released in order to be shot, there could be significant adverse effects on nature reserves and national parks if they were not controlled. Minister Pow does not think carving out a special exemption to sit alongside emergency care etc. is desirable. She wondered whether an exemption could be included to prevent environmental damage, which shooting could then sit under. The team are now looking into this.

Cabinet Office officials have also flagged that an exemption for shooting parties/hunting of more than six on private land would have to go in as an absolute exemption alongside emergencies, schools etc in the regs and guidance. and would therefore clearly attract attention a lot of media attention. It would need a whole separately drafted section of the regulations. We'd need a strong justification for why groups of six at a time can't work for hunting/shooting. Some analysis would need to be undertaken around whether, for example, the industry would go under unless more than six people could go shooting at once



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I have proposed a Covid O if necessary to blast through this - pun intended - with DHSC, DEFRA, CO, DCMS and AGO

If we can get recognition as organised sport, ensure that such can take place on private land and also work up general enviro rule may be possible?

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In extremis we may just have to have six

AJ **Alistair Jack** 11 Sep 2020 12:53 PM +00:00
As you know Eight is what the letting industry works around.
Please knock some heads together.

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Yup

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Lots of pushback from drafters. Not a good look to have shooting as one of 7 exemptions (along with eg emergencies and education) We must go down the organised sport route I think.

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In fact sorry that doesn't help as then only six on private land.

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Anybody got an update?

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Paper going to DHSC/DEFRA/CO/DCMS/CW etc tonight on options

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Great, if someone can keep us all updated



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BASC have been brilliant and have offered to register all shoots if necessary not just for their members



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👉 I am told by our rural MSP spokesman that's the Government view in Scotland is just leave alone.



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Link and guidance they are following

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Real pushback on making us an organised sport. This would be much the best (and accurate). So now a shooting and hunting exception is being considered which would be optically extremely difficult.



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Organised sport best course methinks



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I hope these decisions are being taken on the basis of public health risk (as referred to by Matt) and our Gov position on shooting (and other outdoor activities). If we try and factor in "optics" we will end up annoying absolutely everyone. When a hostile Labour Gov facilitated the restart of shooting after the 2001 Foot and Mouth lockdown they imposed evidence based conditions to be met and left it at that.



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There are two credible options:

1. Organised sport with all shoots having to register with BASC and hunts with MFH (minimum of fuss; some faff)
2. Specific exemption (hard to draft).



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No.1 for me



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2. Has political difficulties

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I agree. But prob is;

1. only applies to public land (unless we are able to change this as we ARE organised or we will blinking well be by Monday at any rate).
2. If impossible to do above we have just sent new drafting ideas to CO. Wd be good if cd refer to other organised outdoor activities (think ramblers) instead of shooting and hunting.



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No1 is the only real way forward without causing a political stink. Not all shoots however are registered with BASC so they'll need to get their skates on

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There is currently no central registry for shoots. The vast majority of commercial shoots are registered with the British Game Alliance. Others will be registered as syndicate shoots with the other organisations. BASC has offered to set up a register for shoots not listed elsewhere if we make it a requirement to register to shoot.

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Rule of Six - Shooting and Hunting



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Ideally B and register with BASC for shooting.

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The "shoot liaison committee" is the collective body of all 12 shooting membership groups. It has a code of practice for participants so (to a great extent) functions similarly to a governing body. These participants need to a) have insurance and b) hold a shotgun certificate. They also already have a protocol for operating under covid conditions. Hopefully this will make it easier to create "law" rather than "guidelines" consistent with a range of other activities.