Glyphosate in the EU
Decision on Renewal of Authorisation
NGO View

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Note: Member States then decide on authorisation of entire product (active substance & additives) at country level.
Commission Proposal on renewal of authorisation

- 15 years (maximum period)
- Any use, no binding conditions
- 1 of 500 co-formulants restricted
- MS to list co-formulants they ban
- Data on endocrine disruption later

Discussion & Vote in EU Pesticide Committee (28 Member States)

Postponed due to disagreement

EU classification started 3.2016 (til end 2017)

EU Parliament Resolution
The Parliament Resolution

Whereas - carcinogenicity & endocrine disruption

- IARC 2a = EU 1b (H) 
  *makes it ineligible for authorization*

- Key studies not public, so independent scientific scrutiny impossible (U)

- Endocrine properties can’t be ruled out due to data gaps (X), 
  *if ED properties that MAY cause adverse effects in humans, it is ineligible for authorization*

- Commission shouldn’t have postponed data requirements (re ED properties) until after approval
Whereas - precaution

- exposure rising: diet, residence (E)
- Law says decision shall be based on review & other legit factors & precautionary principle (M)
- conditions for recourse to Precautionary Principle clearly fulfilled (controversy about carcinogenicity) (O)
- Some Member States already taken precautionary measures
- Dessicant use unacceptable for human health protection (AB)
Main articles - limits

- Commission proposal doesn’t protect health, doesn’t apply precautionary principle, exceeds its powers (1)
- Comm should (selected points)
  - place strict limits on pre-harvest use (2)
  - not approve any non professional uses (4)
  - Not approve uses in / close to parks/playgrounds (5)
  - Not approve any agri uses when IPM sufficient for weed control (6)
- Test & monitor residues in EU-made food & drinks and imported produce (10)
- Renew for 7 years (3)
Main articles cont’d - science

- Commission should ensure **independent review** (8)
  - of overall toxicity,
  - of cancer classification
  from **all available scientific evidence** and
  - endocrine disruption under future horizontal criteria
- Commission & EFSA to disclose all sci evidence used in ‘no carcinogenicity’ conclusion
- Commission to facilitate full disclosure of sci evidence used for EU evaluation process (entire assessment BfR-EFSA)
What’s next

- **PUBLIC CONSULTATION** at European Chemicals Agency:
  - carcinogenicity,
  - germ cell mutagenicity
  - reproductive toxicity
  - other hazard classes (of EU’s CLP)


  Proposed (Germany): eye damage cat 1, chronic aquatic toxicity cat 2
  specific target organ toxicity – repeated cat 2

- **EU MEMBER STATE authorisations**
  for glyphosate containing products
THANK YOU!

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