

The Glyphosate EU renewal process

May 2019



The European Commission (EC) appointed 4 rapporteur member states, (France, Hungary, the Netherlands and Sweden) to form the assessment group on glyphosate (AGG) for the renewal process.



Dec 2019

A consortium of companies known as the Glyphosate Renewal Group (GRG) sent an application to renew the approval of glyphosate expiring initially at the end of 2022

June 2021



The AAG then verifies that the application dossier is complete (e.g. all data requirements and studies have been submitted), evaluates the information and submits a draft assessment report DAR of the active substance to the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and a Harmonised Classification and Labelling (CLH) report to European Chemicals Agency (ECHA).



Sept - Nov 2021

ECHA and EFSA, both, concluded that "glyphosate meets the approval criteria", published the draft renewal assessment report on glyphosate and organized public consultations.

Within a span of two months, the agencies received over 400 replies on the initial scientific evaluation of glyphosate.

May 2022, 10th



EFSA announced the postponement of its conclusions on the peer review of the assessment of glyphosate, elaborating on the need to process a significant amount of contributions.



May 2022, 30th

ECHA's risk assessment committee concluded that classifying glyphosate as a carcinogen was not justified and that the current harmonized classification of glyphosate should be retained.

Dec 2022



In the absence of EFSA's conclusions, the Commission granted an additional one-year to the authorization of glyphosate, until December 15, 2023.



July 2023

EFSA concluded that there are no "critical areas of concern" for human, animal and environmental health linked to the use of glyphosate in agriculture.

September 2023



On September 20 2023, the EC's published its proposal to renew the market authorisation of glyphosate in the EU for 10-years. A discussion on the proposal ensued between the EC and Member States representatives in the September 22 SCoPAFF meeting.



October 2023, 12-13th

EU Member States were invited to vote on the proposal in SCoPAFF . During this meeting, the EC's proposal failed to reach the required qualified majority. In accordance with comitology rules, the proposal was referred back to an Appeal Committee of the European Council.



November 2023, 16th

The EC's renewal proposal failed to secure the required support from Member States in the Appeal Committee. Following the vote, the EC announced its intention of adopting its proposal for a renewal Regulation.

November 2023, 29th.

The Implementing Regulation to renew glyphosate was officially published in the Official Journal of the European Union.