

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2015 1:14 PM
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]: Inquiry on Glyphosate Reassessment Process (from Avaaz)

Dear [REDACTED],

I hope this email finds you well.

We're currently in process of running some advocacy meetings related to our glyphosate campaign and wanted to check with you if there has been any change at the DG since last time we were in touch?

Has there been any move to consider the studies contained within IARC monograph?

Thanks in advance!

[REDACTED]

On Fri, Apr 17, 2015 at 1:23 PM, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you so much for taking the time to advise us on the glyphosate process.

As promised, I'd like to give you an update on our work on this: to answer your question, yes we are going to run a campaign on it as our global membership has shown interest in it and it is our a democratic mandate to serve them. As is the case with every campaign, they are our bosses [REDACTED]

We hope, as in other moments, that a massive public push from the Avaaz membership can draw the authorities attention to the massive public concern about this issue and we hope to be able to work with the Commission to address the issues raised in the campaign.

Thank you again for you help and, more importantly, for your long term work on these issues. I am off in the next two weeks for a team training and with limited internet access, but will back on May 4th and will be able to get back in touch then.

Yours,

[REDACTED]

PS: I am forwarding below our email alert to our members about the campaign.

Dear friends,

Top scientists warn the most commonly used herbicide in the world probably causes cancer! Monsanto is demanding the World Health Organisation retract their ground-breaking report. And experts say the only way to ensure the science is not silenced is if the public demands action, now.

The regulatory system is renowned for being secretive and captured by the agro-chemical industry. But we have a unique moment right now -- glyphosate is officially **being reassessed in the EU, the US, Canada, and Brazil**, and the Netherlands, Sri Lanka, and El Salvador are all looking at a ban.

The threat is clear -- this poison is used on our food, our fields, our playgrounds, and our streets. Let's get it suspended. **Join the urgent call and tell everyone:**

https://secure.avaaz.org/en/monsanto_dont_silence_science_loc/?bHznigb&v=57114

Monsanto is up in arms. Glyphosate is the basis of RoundUp, the chemical cornerstone of Monsanto's Genetically Modified empire, and it brings in \$6 billion per year. The company says the WHO report ignored studies showing glyphosate is safe. But these scientists are **17 of the world's top oncology experts**, not a bunch of crazies! They comprehensively reviewed independent studies, excluding those done by companies seeking product approval.

Regulators rely mainly on tests done by the companies trying to sell the poisons! Key results are kept from the public because they contain 'commercially confidential information', and 58% of the scientific panels in the EU Food and Safety Agency are linked to the sector. It's nuts, but that is the system we have. And that's why it's going to take all of us to make sure this crucial independent report isn't ignored.

Some countries have already put bans on glyphosate. Now with the EU, the US, Canada, and Brazil all reviewing it, we have an incredible chance to turn the tide

Top scientists just warned **Monsanto's herbicide probably causes cancer.** It's huge news and regulators are scrambling to respond. But Monsanto is going all out to get the report retracted! **Only a massive public campaign can get this poison suspended. Join the urgent call:**



worldwide.

Fifty years ago Monsanto's pesticide DDT was everywhere until the seminal book *Silent Spring* showed it could cause cancer -- a decade later it was banned. If this could be killing us, let's not let it be sold for ten more years. Let's demand emergency precautionary action now. **Join now and spread the word:**

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We've done it before -- we helped win a moratorium on bee-killing neonicotinoids in the EU and stop a Monsanto mega seed factory in Argentina. Now let's protect our health and make sure we aren't being used as lab rats. This could be a breakthrough moment in the fight for the safe, sustainable agriculture our world needs.

With hope,

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More information:

New study points to link between weedkiller glyphosate and cancer (FT)

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/8b79a572-cf14-11e4-893d-00144feab7de.html#axzz3XOmCcv9c>

Monsanto seeks retraction for report linking herbicide to cancer (Reuters)

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2015/03/24/monsanto-herbicide-idINL2N0WP0UM20150324>

Weed Killer, Long Cleared, is Doubted (New York Times)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/28/business/energy-environment/decades-after-monsantos-roundup-gets-an-all-clear-a-cancer-agency-raises-concerns.html>

The Real Reason to Worry About GMOs (Mother Jones)

<http://www.motherjones.com/tom-philpott/2015/03/bittman-right-its-not-gmos-its-how-theyre-used>

Groups seek EPA glyphosate review after WHO 'carcinogenic' link (Agri Pulse)

<http://www.agri-pulse.com/Groups-seek-EPA-glyphosate-review-after-WHO-carcinogenic-link-03272015.asp>

More sources:

<https://avaazmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/Roundupsources.pdf>

On Wed, Apr 15, 2015 at 2:54 PM, ██████████ <██████████> wrote:

Dear ██████████,

I looked into the dossier and can provide the following update on Glyphosate:

The classification made by IARC took place at a time when the assessment procedure concerning the possible renewal of approval of glyphosate reached the final phase (i.e. currently the EFSA is carrying out a peer review of the assessment done by the rapporteur Member State Germany – this is the normal procedure for all substances coming to an end of their approval period)); the final report on the European peer review is expected to be finalized by mid-August. According to the information available to the Commission, Germany as rapporteur Member State in the ongoing risk assessment has so far not seen the need to propose a classification of the active substance glyphosate as carcinogenic.

Only after the IARC monograph is available it will be possible to judge whether the data used by IARC would be new information with regard to the EU review.

If that would be the case, Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 on placing plant protection products on the market provides appropriate instruments to make sure that the validity of the current risk assessment can quickly be assessed against this new information. This will allow the Commission to take all relevant information into account when preparing a proposal concerning the possible renewal of approval of glyphosate after the end of the assessment process. The Regulation furthermore allows the Commission to propose suitable measures from amending through to withdrawing an existing approval, if necessary.

The Commission remains in close contact to the Competent Authorities in Germany and to the European Food Safety Authority and is closely monitoring the further evolution.

I hope that this addresses your questions.

Allow me also a question on my side. Is AVAAZ planning to launch a campaign as regards glyphosate comparable to the one you did a few years ago on bees and neonicotinoids? I would appreciate if you could keep me informed about this as well.

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 8:27 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]: Inquiry on Glyphosate Reassessment Process (from Avaaz)

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks a lot for your prompt response -- much appreciated.

Sadly, we are going to be on a team-wide retreat next week, so probably won't be able to call then.

Is there anybody else I could talk to?

Technically, we're just trying to understand where the process is these days and if we should be expecting any major developments in the next few days from DG Sanco with respect to IARC's Monograph.

Thanks for your understanding!

[REDACTED]

On Tue, Apr 14, 2015 at 7:24 PM, <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

We can discuss your questions over the phone. However, my expert dealing with this topic is currently on a mission in China and will only return mid next week. I suggest that I come back to you as soon as he is available. I hope this is acceptable. Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 5:29 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: [REDACTED]: Inquiry on Glyphosate Reassessment Process (from Avaaz)

Dear [REDACTED],

My name is [REDACTED] and I'm a campaigner for the global civic movement, Avaaz.

My colleague, [REDACTED], has suggested I contact you about some questions we have regarding the current reassessment process for glyphosate within the EU, and DG Sanco's engagement in the process. We were wondering if you, or someone from your Unit, could help us understand what stage the process is currently at.

Would you be able to have a quick chat on this tomorrow? I will be happy to call you on a phone number of your choosing.

Alternatively, if you prefer answering via email, our questions are below:

1) Has DG Sanco mandated EFSA to review the recent report issued by IARC Monograph on glyphosate?

2) If so, by what time would you expect EFSA to report back to the DG?

3) What would be the next procedural steps?

Thanks in advance for your time and patience!

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