

From: [REDACTED] (SANTE)
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 7:39 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]: Inquiry on Glyphosate Reassessment Process (from Avaaz)

Dear [REDACTED]

The information provided in my e-mail dated 15 April 2015 is still up-to-date. Furthermore, the Commission has asked EFSA to take the findings of IARC into account in its ongoing peer review of glyphosate, in the context of the procedure for a possible renewal of the approval of the active substance. However, such efforts may be hampered by the current lack of detailed information pertaining to the basis on which IARC arrived at their conclusion, as important scientific elements will only be elucidated in the final IARC monograph, which so far has not been published. The Commission will then carefully consider the findings and the need to take further steps.

Best regards, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2015 1:14 PM
To: [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] > 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

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 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:**

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

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,

 and the whole
Avaaz team

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, [REDACTED] > wrote:
Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you so much for taking the time to respond to our questions.

I am cc'ing our Campaign Director on this, [REDACTED] in case she would like to add some more.

To answer your question: Avaaz is currently looking into what strategies would be best placed to make sure that the EU doesn't proceed to renew glyphosate until the IARC report is reviewed vis-a-vis the RAR submitted by the Rapporteur country (in this case Germany) independently ensuring that the highest scientific and methodological standards are upheld.

Our priority at this point is that the EU decision-makers address all the health and safety concerns raised by IARC report with regards to glyphosate.

It would be my pleasure to keep you informed on what angle this strategy is taking -- as you can imagine, we want to be on solid ground on our way forward.

You mentioned that the Commission can only judge whether the data used by IARC is new information with regard to EU review, once the monograph is available.

However, as it stands, the reports on monograph are already publicly available, including some of the studies which have been named on the Lancet Oncology summary. Given the availability of studies (I'm pasting some of them below for reference), our question is why would the Commission need to wait for the publication of the full monograph?

- De Roos, AJ, Zahm, SH, Cantor, KP et al. Integrative assessment of multiple pesticides as risk factors for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma among men. *Occup Environ Med.* 2003; 60: E11
- McDuffie, HH, Pahwa, P, McLaughlin, JR et al. Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and specific pesticide exposures in men: cross-Canada study of pesticides and health. *Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev.* 2001; 10: 1155–1163
- Eriksson, M, Hardell, L, Carlberg, M, and Akerman, M. Pesticide exposure as risk factor for non-Hodgkin lymphoma including histopathological subgroup analysis. *Int J Cancer.* 2008; 123: 1657–1663

- Bolognesi, C, Carrasquilla, G, Volpi, S, Solomon, KR, and Marshall, EJ. Biomonitoring of genotoxic risk in agricultural workers from five Colombian regions: association to occupational exposure to glyphosate. *J Toxicol Environ Health A*. 2009; 72: 986–997

Please do let us know if you have any additional information on this.

Many thanks!

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On Wed, Apr 15, 2015 at 8:43 AM, <██████████> 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]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 8:27 PM
To: [REDACTED] (SANTE)
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]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 5:29 PM
To: [REDACTED] (SANTE)
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 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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