



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Deputy Director General for the Food chain

Brussels,
SANTE/ES

Dear [REDACTED],

Subject: Open letters to the Commission: EFSA peer review of the renewal assessment report (IARC) on glyphosate by the BfR

I refer to the letters, dated 20th October 2015 by members of the German and European Parliaments sent to Commissioner Andriukaitis concerning the EFSA peer review of the renewal assessment of glyphosate and dated 29th October 2015 by 47 NGOs.

The letters set out the Parliamentarians' and NGOs concerns about the peer review of the renewal assessment of glyphosate, and raise a number of questions in relation to the assessment of genotoxicity and carcinogenicity which would require a direct reaction by the Authority.

Although I understand that EFSA is finalizing its Conclusion on the glyphosate peer review with a view to adopt it today and publish the Conclusion on 12th November, I believe it is necessary that at the same time EFSA specifically addresses the questions raised by the German MPs, the MEPs and NGOs in their letters to Commissioner Andriukaitis.

To this end, I would be grateful if your services could develop the appropriate answers to the questions raised.. In parallel, Commissioner Andriukaitis intends to respond to that effect and will also address any policy related elements raised in the letters.

At the same time, it would be good to know if EFSA had discussed the issue with national agencies of the Member States and what was the outcome of these discussions, if such were conducted.

I expect that this approach will help to maintain the legal the timeline for decision-making (by 30th June 2016) on glyphosate

Yours sincerely,

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