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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter and your interest in the work of ECHA in assessing glyphosate. You raise a number of important issues.

ECHA's work on glyphosate is focused on adopting a scientific opinion on what the harmonised classification and labelling of glyphosate should be, as it does with all substances for which Member States or industry submit proposals. In assessing whether a substance meets the criteria for harmonised classification, ECHA performs an assessment of whether the intrinsic hazardous properties of the substance meet the hazard criteria set out in the European Union's Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation (CLP). In doing so, ECHA does not assess the risks associated with the different uses of the substance.

ECHA has received a proposal from the German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA) that glyphosate should have an additional harmonised classification (it already has several). The proposal is now being processed in accordance with the CLP Regulation. The proposal was subject to a public consultation which closed on 18 July 2016. The next step will be consideration of the proposal and opinion development by ECHA's Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC). The RAC is an ECHA scientific committee, composed of experts nominated by the Member States of the European Union and appointed by ECHA.

RAC will adopt an opinion on the need for a harmonised classification for glyphosate based solely on its hazardous properties, regardless of how it is used. In its opinion, RAC takes the scientifically relevant data submitted during the public consultation (including those provided by NGOs and independent experts) into account. RAC will also take into account the key information that was previously analysed by other bodies and will consider the differing views on how some of those studies have been evaluated. The opinion will be submitted to the European Commission who will take the final decision on the need for a further harmonised classification for glyphosate.

The information used in the classification process, the responses to comments received and RAC's opinion on the classification of glyphosate will be published on ECHA's website once the opinion has been adopted. The dossier submitted by the German competent authority as well as the comments provided during the public consultation are already available there.

ECHA is committed to implementing the EU's chemicals legislation for the benefit of human health and the environment as well as for innovation and competitiveness. In the process of developing the opinion on the harmonised classification and labelling of glyphosate, we seek to do justice to all parties affected, by following our processes transparently and arriving at a well-founded opinion.

I trust this helps to clarify the process. Further information can be found at the following link:

- Harmonised classification and labelling:  
<http://echa.europa.eu/addressing-chemicals-of-concern/harmonised-classification-and-labelling>
- <https://echa.europa.eu/chemicals-in-our-life/hot-topics/glyphosate>

Yours sincerely,

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