

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 November 2016 20:18
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] ECHA Classification; ECHA Committee Risk Assessment
Subject: WS proposal

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

The Classification and Prioritisation Unit in ECHA is responsible for managing the process for proposals for harmonised classification and labelling (CLH) for substances, including plant protection products such as glyphosate.

We have recently received from different sources in ECHA a message from you which has included a suggestion from [REDACTED] to hold a workshop on glyphosate. The aim of the proposed workshop, as we understand it, would be to compare how carcinogenicity is assessed by IARC, EU and EPA using glyphosate as a case study. Although we recognise that more understanding on the similarities and differences in carcinogenicity assessments could be useful, we would point out that as long as ECHA's risk assessment committee (RAC) is developing its opinion on the CLH proposal for glyphosate, ECHA is not in a position to engage in parallel discussion on the glyphosate data and its interpretation. Furthermore, the European Commission will only make a decision on the CLH after RAC has finalised its opinion on glyphosate and therefore, at least until this happens, it cannot be considered that there is any EU position on the CLH (and therefore on the underlying hazard data) for glyphosate. In addition we are aware that the EPA process has not yet been finalised.

For your information, at the up-coming meeting of RAC in December, a number of parties will have an opportunity to present their views for the committee.

With kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Classification and Prioritisation Unit
European Chemicals Agency
Annankatu 18, P.O. Box 400, FI-00121 Helsinki, Finland

[REDACTED]