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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your questions regarding the RAC rapporteurs for Glyphosate.

Regarding your first question who will be the rapporteurs for this dossier I would like to inform you as that for glyphosate, as for any other dossier on harmonized classification and labelling, Rapporteurs are appointed pursuant to Article 87(1) of the REACH Regulation. For the glyphosate dossier, a Rapporteur and a co-Rapporteur have indeed already been appointed. To safeguard the highest possible scrutiny during the opinion development in RAC, two further RAC members have been designated by RAC to support the Rapporteurs; together with them, they form part of a working group which has been established in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Committee.

RAC Members shall act independently. Member States are requested by law to refrain from giving any instructions to RAC members which are not compatible with their tasks and independence. The names of RAC members appointed as Rapporteurs for a specific dossier are made public together with the final RAC opinion on the ECHA website, i.e. at the end of the process. This also prevents that undue external pressure is exercised on them, e.g. by interest groups.

On your second question; In order to prevent a conflict of interest, a RAC member who is employed by the Member State Competent Authority which submitted a specified CLH dossier will not be assigned as Rapporteur for the relevant substance. This practice was also applied to the glyphosate dossier, i.e. no RAC member from a German competent authority has been appointed. Let me further clarify that all RAC members working on the opinion development for a specified dossier have to submit a written declaration on the absence of conflict of interest in relation to the relevant substance to the ECHA Secretariat before they are appointed as (co-)Rapporteur or member of an ad-hoc working group. This declaration is checked by the Chairman of RAC who decides whether the RAC member can be proposed to work on the opinion development for dossier in question.

In relation to involvement in the deliberations about a dossier and voting on a draft opinion, the Chairman will ask members, their advisers, invited experts and observers to declare any interests at the beginning of each meeting, and any declared interests will be recorded in detail in the minutes (see for example Annex III of the minutes of RAC-34 on the website of the Committee for Risk Assessment). Where potential conflicts of interest are identified, such person shall not participate in any voting on the relevant agenda point. Where further steps are deemed necessary, the Chairman can mitigate the measures in accordance with the Procedure on the Prevention and Management of potential Conflicts of Interest (Management Board decision 09/2014, available here:

http://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/13608/mb_07_2014_pro_coi_management_en.pdf (see section 3.3.2 in particular)).

I hope this answers your questions. If you have any further questions regarding the CLH process please do not hesitate to come back or give me call.

With best regards,

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Dear Mr de Bruijn,

In the presentation that you just gave at the ENVI workshop on "EU's pesticide risk assessment system: the case of glyphosate" you mentioned that the rapporteurs who are going to draft the RAC opinion on glyphosate have already been appointed. May I ask who has been appointed in which role?

One other question: A German RAC member explained to me (a while ago) that most likely no German RAC member will be allowed to actively participate (become rapporteur or vote on the opinion) in the assessment of glyphosate due to Germany being the rapporteur member state und dossier submitter. Can you confirm this? Is there a list of RAC members who are not going to be involved in the assessment and the vote on this opinion? If yes, is the list publicly available?

Thank you very much for your support to answer these questions!

Yours sincerely,
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