

France, Hungary the Netherlands and Sweden will carry out joint assessment of glyphosate

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EU Member States have agreed that France, Hungary, the Netherlands, and Sweden will be jointly responsible for the next evaluation of the active substance glyphosate in plant protection products.

Approvals for active substances in plant protection products shall, according to the legislation, be reviewed regularly. Normally, the evaluation of such an application is made by a single Member State which is appointed as Rapporteur Member State (RMS). Due to the extensive documentation for glyphosate, the European Commission has proposed that a group of Member States jointly should act as RMS for the next evaluation of the substance.

This proposal from the European Commission has now been supported by the EU Member States in a vote in the European Commission's Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (SCoPAFF). At the same time, the Standing Committee voted in favour of amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 844/2012 to allow such an approach. The competent authorities in France, Hungary, the Netherlands and Sweden have all agreed to be part of the rapporteur group, called "The Assessment Group on Glyphosate (AGG)".

The upcoming review of glyphosate in the EU starts on 15 December 2019, when an application for renewed approval must be submitted by the applicant(s). The complete documentation to be assessed must be submitted by the applicant(s) within the subsequent six months. By June 2021, the AGG will present a draft assessment report to the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). The report will then be reviewed by other Member States and stakeholder groups. Based on the review and overall data, EFSA will conclude on the assessment. Finally, the European Commission decides whether or not glyphosate should be renewed.

A decision on a renewed or non-renewed approval for glyphosate should be made no later than December 2022, when the current approval period for glyphosate expires.

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