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News Release

Glyphosate Task Force commits to transparency during upcoming European re-approval process

- New European Glyphosate Task Force webpage recently launched
- First Assessment Group on Glyphosate pre-submission meeting minutes now publicly accessible
- Application for the re-approval will be submitted by 15th December, 2019

Monheim, October 28, 2019 – Bayer announced today that the new European Glyphosate Task Force (GTF) [webpage](#) has recently been launched. This is the first step towards making the upcoming European re-approval process of glyphosate more transparent and better involving the public. As proof of the desired transparency, the minutes of the first meeting between the GTF and the Assessment Group on Glyphosate (AGG), held during the first week of July, can be found on the new GTF webpage.

“For years, Bayer has been committed to greater transparency when it comes to the safety studies of all its products,” said [5.1.2.e Woo](#) Crop Protection at Crop Science, a division of Bayer. “A series of measures will continue to drive transparency across our business. As part of our Transparency Initiative, we have already enabled access to all of the in-depth glyphosate safety studies submitted to European regulators to which we wholly own the rights via our [transparency platform](#). The Glyphosate Task Force, where we are the leading member, has decided to take further steps to increase the transparency of the glyphosate re-registration process in the European Union. Among other steps, we will be applying the transparency principles of the European General Food Law Regulation proactively ahead of time.”

Glyphosate, an efficient and cost-effective tool for sustainable agriculture

For more than 40 years, farmers around the world – as well as hobby gardeners and other professional users – have relied on glyphosate as an efficient and cost-effective tool

that can be used safely to control weeds. Glyphosate-based herbicides help farmers deliver crops to markets while promoting sustainable agriculture by helping to reduce soil tillage, soil erosion and carbon emissions.

“Glyphosate, given its effectiveness and wide adaptation, is one of the most studied herbicidal active ingredients in the world,” ^{5.1.2.e Woo} added. “This technology plays, and will continue to play, an important role in agriculture and in Bayer’s product portfolio. We are convinced that, given the overwhelming scientific data on the safety of glyphosate, European Member States will feel confident not to oppose the re-approval of glyphosate, providing farmers with the continued access to this technology in an integrated weed management approach, beyond 2022.”

EU Regulatory Background

Glyphosate can be used in European Union as an active substance in Plant Protection Products until 15th December 2022. An application for renewal must be submitted three years ahead of this expiry date (15th December 2019), followed by the submission of a full dossier by 15th June 2020. The Assessment Group on Glyphosate (AGG), comprising of France, Hungary, the Netherlands and Sweden, jointly acting as Rapporteur Member State, will then start their comprehensive scientific evaluation. Once the AGG has completed its scientific assessment, this will be transmitted to the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), most likely in 2021, who will oversee a peer-review process involving all Member States. The voting process of the representatives of the European Member States on the re-approval of glyphosate is expected in 2022.

The upcoming review of the approval is a regular regulatory process, to take account of progress in science and technology and experience gained since the active substance was last reviewed. Glyphosate will be assessed in terms of its safety for humans, animals and the environment.

About the Glyphosate Task Force

The European Glyphosate Task Force (GTF) is a consortium of companies joining resources and efforts in order to renew the European glyphosate registration with a joint submission. This consortium is not to be considered a legal entity. The following companies are confirmed members of the GTF: Adama Agan Ltd., Agria S.A., Albaugh Europe SARL, Arysta Lifescience SAS, Barclay Chemicals Manufacturing Ltd., Bayer

Agriculture BV-BA, Brokden S.L.U., Ciech Sarzyna S.A., Helm AG, Nufarm GmHH & Co.KG, Sinon Corporation and Syngenta Crop Protection AG. For more information, go to www.glyphosate.eu.

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