

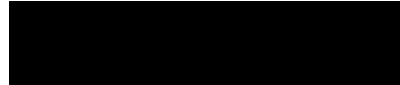


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**Subject: Scientific publication on carcinogenicity of glyphosate as part of the Global Glyphosate Study (GGS) carried out by the Ramazzini Institute**

Dear Mr Url, Dear Ms McGuinness,

On 10 June 2025, a group of authors published in the journal Environmental Health an article<sup>1</sup> on the carcinogenicity of glyphosate, as a result of a study carried out by the Ramazzini Institute (Global Glyphosate Study).

Given the nature and the conclusions of the article, it is important that EFSA and ECHA seek to obtain all information and data to allow for an evaluation by the Agencies, in view of verifying whether the findings reported would impact the conclusions reached as a result of the scientific assessments conducted in the context of the last renewal of approval of glyphosate in 2023.

I also refer to my previous letter from November 2023 (our ref ARES(2023)7513783) on the same topic following a press release<sup>2</sup> by the Ramazzini Institute in October 2023 about findings from their study. I am aware that both agencies had contacted the Ramazzini Institute at that time to obtain all relevant and available information on this study, but the Institute did not provide any data.

<sup>1</sup> Panzacchi, S., Tibaldi, E., De Angelis, L. et al. Carcinogenic effects of long-term exposure from prenatal life to glyphosate and glyphosate-based herbicides in Sprague–Dawley rats. Environ Health 24, 36 (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12940-025-01187-2>

<sup>2</sup> <https://glyphostatstudy.org/press-release/global-glyphosate-study-reveals-glyphosate-based-herbicides-cause-leukemia-in-early-life/>



Herewith I would again like to ask EFSA and ECHA to contact again the Ramazzini Institute to request that they provide all available data, including raw data, for review by the agencies, including also detailed information about the origin and composition of the substance/mixtures tested, and in particular the date and location of purchase as well as the authorisation number in the EU Member State where Roundup Bioflow was purchased (since this is the formulation claimed to be available in the EU).

In accordance with Article 77 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006<sup>3</sup> (the REACH Regulation), I request that ECHA evaluates the data on carcinogenic effects of glyphosate in the above-mentioned Global Glyphosate Study, considering also all other available information on carcinogenicity as assessed as part of the Opinion of the Risk Assessment Committee (RAC Opinion) in May 2022<sup>4</sup>. The updated Opinion should be provided within 15 months from the receipt of all available (raw) data by the authors of the Global Glyphosate Study.

In addition, in accordance with Article 31 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002<sup>5</sup> (the General Food Law) in conjunction with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, I request that EFSA evaluates the data, considering also all other available information assessed as part of its Conclusion of July 2023<sup>6</sup>, and provides a Statement on whether and how the abovementioned study impacts the weight of evidence and outcomes of the risk assessment for glyphosate in the context of the last renewal of approval assessment from 2023. When doing so the updated RAC Opinion referred to above shall be taken into account and discussion with relevant experts including those from Member States shall be considered. The Statement shall be adopted within 6 months of the publication of the updated RAC Opinion.

Please keep me informed if there are any issues that may impact delivery of the requested output by either of the agencies.

Yours sincerely,

*Electronically signed*

Claire BURY

<sup>3</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2006/1907/2025-04-22>

<sup>4</sup> European Chemicals Agency (2022). Opinion of the Committee for Risk Assessment proposing harmonised classification and labelling of glyphosate (ISO); N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine (EC Number: 213-997-4; CAS Number: 1071-83-6) (<https://echa.europa.eu/registry-of-clh-intentions-until-outcome/-/dislist/details/0b0236e185e41a77>).

<sup>5</sup> Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2002/178/2024-07-01>

<sup>6</sup> European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), (2023). Peer review of the pesticide risk assessment of the active substance glyphosate (EFSA Journal, 21(7), 1-52, <https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2023.8164>).