

UN research groups concludes weedkiller glyphosate 'probably' causes cancer

Roundup, the world's most widely used weedkiller, "probably" causes cancer, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has said.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) – WHO's cancer agency – said that glyphosate, the active ingredient in the herbicide made by agriculture company Monsanto, was "classified as probably carcinogenic to humans".

It also said there was "limited evidence" that glyphosate was carcinogenic in humans for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Monsanto, the world's largest seed company, said scientific data did not support the conclusions and called on WHO to hold an urgent meeting to explain the findings. "We don't know how IARC could reach a conclusion that is such a dramatic departure from the conclusion reached by all regulatory agencies around the globe," said Philip Miller, Monsanto's vice-president of global regulatory affairs.

The US government considers the herbicide to be safe. In 2013, Monsanto requested and received approval from the US Environmental Protection Agency for increased tolerance levels for glyphosate.

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