

France bans glyphosate sales at garden centers

France has announced a ban on over the counter sales of a brand of weedkiller from garden centres after the [active](#) ingredient [was classified as “probably carcinogenic to humans”](#) by the [UN](#).

[The UN's International Agency for Research on Cancer \(IARC\)](#) [classified glyphosate in March as “probably carcinogenic to humans”](#), and is the active ingredient in Roundup.

The weedkiller is used by amateur gardeners as well as farmers and is the foremost product of American [biotechnology giant Monsanto](#).

French Ecology Minister [Segolene Royal](#) told [France 3 television](#) on Sunday: “France must be on the offensive with regards to the banning of pesticides.”

Glyphosate was introduced in the 1970s under the brand Roundup and is the most-produced weedkiller in the world, according to the [IARC](#).

The agency’s evaluation of glyphosate saw “limited evidence” of a type of cancer called non-Hodgkin lymphoma, as seen in [studies](#) in the United States, Sweden and Canada conducted among farm workers since 2001.

Monsanto [strongly contested](#) the IARC classification, commenting that “relevant, scientific [data](#) was excluded from review.”

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