

European Parliament votes in favor of reauthorizing glyphosate but limits approval for 7 years

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The European Parliament has voted in favour of re-authorising the use of glyphosate – the weedkiller that almost two thirds of consumers want to see banned – but have limited this approval to seven years.

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Farming representatives in the UK tweeted that the result was “a big win for science-based policy making in the EU”.

The Commission should not approve any non-professional uses of glyphosate, said MEPs and should also reassess the pesticide’s approval in light of its pending classification by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), under separate legislation.

The resolution also calls on the Commission to launch an independent review of glyphosate’s overall toxicity and classification, based not only on data relating to carcinogenicity but also on possible endocrine-disruptive properties.

In a non-binding resolution, the European Parliament called for a ban on all uses of glyphosate-based herbicides in private and public green areas, including spraying in and around public parks, playgrounds and gardens.

MEPs also called for restrictions on use in agricultural fields shortly before harvesting, which could affect UK farmers in particular.

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