

EU proposes temporary authorization of glyphosate for 12 to 18 months

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The European Commission is proposing to extend the authorization of glyphosate in Europe for 12 to 18 months so that the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) can review its carcinogenicity.

In a [statement](#) and at a [press conference](#), the EC's Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Vytenis Andriukaitis, said that even though a majority of the 28 member states are in favor of reauthorization, "no qualified majority has been reached," which led him to recommend temporary approval.

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The current authorization ends June 30. If no decision is reached by then, glyphosate use in Europe would no longer be allowed.

Andriukaitis noted that even with approval, glyphosate use can still be regulated by the member states. "The EU approval of an active substance only means that the member states can authorize plant protection products on their territory, but they are not obliged to do that," he said.

"The member states who wish not to use glyphosate-based products have the possibility to restrict their use," he said.

An EC committee will consider the compromise proposal June 6.

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