

## WHO's cancer agency claims "transparency", moves to block glyphosate Freedom of Information requests

The World Health Organization's cancer agency [IARC]—which is facing criticism over how it classifies carcinogens—advised academic experts ... who worked on a review in 2015 of the weedkiller glyphosate against releasing requested material. ... The review ... concluded glyphosate is "probably carcinogenic", putting IARC at odds with regulators around the world.

IARC, a semi-autonomous unit of the WHO, has caused controversy over whether such things as coffee, mobile phones, red and processed meat, and chemicals like glyphosate cause cancer.

Its critics ... say the way IARC evaluates whether substances might be carcinogenic can cause unnecessary health scares. IARC assesses the risk of a substance being carcinogenic without taking account of typical human exposure to it.

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Multiple subsequent freedom of information requests by the U.S. conservative advocacy group the Energy & Environment Legal Institute (E&E Legal) have since been turned down by agencies and universities citing IARC's reasoning that it owns the documents.

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E&E wants ... to know more about the way IARC reviews the scientific evidence, and about its relationship with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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