

## Chemical companies: Reform WHO's 'rogue' IARC cancer-designating agency

Launching what it called a campaign for accuracy in public health research, the American Chemistry Council, which represents U.S. chemical companies, said the International Agency for Research on Cancer's (IARC) evaluations "have a significant impact on U.S. public policy" and should be based on "transparent, thorough assessment of the best available science".

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As part of its work on cancer research, IARC publishes evaluations – known as monographs – on whether certain chemicals, lifestyles and activities may cause cancer ... IARC has repeatedly defended its work as scientifically sound and says its monographs are "widely respected for their scientific rigor, standardized and transparent process and ... freedom from conflicts of interest".

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The WHO agency is also embroiled in a row with Congress, the U.S. National Institutes of Health and the European Food Safety Authority over its review of the weedkiller glyphosate.

IARC classifies glyphosate, a key ingredient of Monsanto Co's herbicide Roundup, as "probably carcinogenic", but that assessment is at odds with many government regulators, including those in the United States, Europe, Canada, Japan and New Zealand, who say it is unlikely to pose a cancer risk to humans.

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