

France rejects 5-year renewal for glyphosate herbicide; wants 3-year license instead

France will oppose a European Commission proposal to renew authorisation for controversial weedkiller glyphosate for five years instead of 10, saying Wednesday [Nov. 8] the new cutoff should be three years.

“France’s position is three years,” Environment Minister Nicolas Hulot, a celebrity green activist, told French media ahead of a vote by the 28 EU member states in Brussels on Thursday [Nov. 9].

The Commission, the EU’s executive arm, had originally recommended approving the herbicide’s use for another decade from December 15 but experts balked amid growing uproar over its alleged dangers.



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“The big change is that we are talking about an end, not simply a renewal,” Hulot told French television BFMTV. “France is in the vanguard on this issue.”

The minister said he sympathised with farmers “who are a bit overwhelmed by all the constraints imposed on them (but) over these three years we will be able to work towards alternatives” to glyphosate.

The current licence for using glyphosate expires on December 15.

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