

Stalemate continues: EU fails to agree on glyphosate herbicide renewal as deadline looms

An EU vote has failed to resolve a controversy over the use of glyphosate, the world's biggest-selling weedkiller.

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The current glyphosate licence runs out in the EU on 15 December. Only half of the 28 member states backed a European Commission proposal to renew the licence for five years.

An EU appeal committee will now try to rule on the issue.

The UK was among the 14 states backing the Commission position on glyphosate. Nine voted against – including France and Italy. Germany was among the five who abstained.

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Glyphosate's toxicity is reckoned to be low, in the concentrations used by farmers, although the UN International Agency for Research on Cancer called it "probably carcinogenic".

[The European Commission says that](#) besides EFSA, the European Chemicals Agency and other scientific bodies found no link to cancer in humans.

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