## French regulator ANSES defends 2017 approval of Monsanto's recently banned Roundup Pro 360 weedkiller

The National Agency for Food Safety, Environment and Labor (ANSES) "disputes any error of assessment" after the ban on the glyphosate-based herbicide Roundup Pro 360, an agency spokesperson said in a statement [January 17]. The administrative court of Lyon on [January 15] canceled the marketing authorization for this product, saying it should "be considered a substance whose carcinogenic potential for humans is assumed."

The court clearly questioned ANSES, the body responsible for granting these authorizations in France, believing that it had "made an error of appreciation with regard to the precautionary principle" by authorizing this product on March 6, 2017.

ANSES....has not yet decided whether it will appeal this decision....It is now illegal to sell, distribute and use Roundup Pro 360, a product made by US agrochemical giant Monsanto, a subsidiary of German firm Bayer since 2018....

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