

## Russia threatens to restrict soy imports from Brazil over use of controversial weed killer glyphosate

The Russian government has informed Brazil that it may adopt temporary import restrictions on soybeans if Brazilian producers do not reduce the amount of pesticides [they use] – especially herbicides with glyphosate....

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[Russia state's] that they have informed the Brazilian government about the need to take urgent measures to ensure compliance with the technical regulations of the Customs Union on the safety of the grains in terms of pesticide content in the products sent to Russia.

Russia also warned of “the possible introduction of temporary restrictions on Brazil’s soy imports in case of failure on the Brazilian side to take corrective measures as soon as possible.”

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In their note, the Russians highlight the high degree of toxicity to humans and animals of glyphosate, one of the most commonly used pesticides in Brazilian agriculture....

**[Editor’s note: There is no evidence that glyphosate is toxic to humans or animals when used as intended.]**

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In September last year, when a court ruling ordered the suspension of the registration of glyphosate-based products, which was then overturned, then Agriculture Minister Blairo Maggi, himself an entrepreneur in the sector, stated that it would be unfeasible to produce in Brazil without the product.

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