Glyphosate-cancer battle escalates as Germany aims to ban Roundup after 2023

Angela Merkel's government aims to phase out herbicides containing glyphosate by the end of 2023, a move that could generate further headwinds for German drug and chemical giant Bayer AG.

As part of the proposal approved by her cabinet on [September 4], the government intends to oppose any request for the EU to renew the license to produce the weedkiller, according to a release by the environment ministry. Jurisdiction over licensing lies with Brussels and not with EU member countries.

"I don't expect that there will be a majority anywhere in the EU for glyphosate after 2022," Environment Minister Svenja Schulze said at a news conference in Berlin.

The move could prove a further setback for Bayer, which faces massive U.S. lawsuits alleging its Roundup herbicide causes cancer.

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