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Answer given by Mr Várhelyi
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is aware of the recent publication of some of the results of a study¹ on glyphosate undertaken by the Ramazzini Institute².

The Commission has mandated the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) to request from the study authors all original data without delay. Once the data is received, to also conduct a robust and thorough scientific evaluation as to whether the new information, considered alongside all other available data, changes their previous conclusions concerning the hazard (ECHA), or risk assessment (EFSA) conducted for glyphosate. This work will be carried out within an appropriate and realistic timeframe, following the relevant procedures of the agencies.

The Commission would like to recall that ECHA concluded two times in 2017³ and 2022⁴, respectively, that based on the available information, including animal data and human epidemiological data, and using a weight of evidence approach, no classification for carcinogenicity is warranted for glyphosate⁵. The new information by itself does not immediately call into question the outcomes of the previous reviews.

¹ Panzacchi, S., Tibaldi, E., De Angelis, L. et al. Carcinogenic effects of long-term exposure from prenatal life to glyphosate and glyphosate-based herbicides in Sprague–Dawley rats. *Environ Health* 24, 36 (2025). <https://ehjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12940-025-01187-2>.

² As part of their Global Glyphosate Study.

³ European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) (2017). Opinion of the Committee for Risk Assessment proposing harmonised classification and labelling of glyphosate (ISO); N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine (EC Number: 213-997-4; CAS Number: 1071-83-6).

⁴ European Chemicals Agency (2022). Opinion of the Committee for Risk Assessment proposing harmonised classification and labelling of glyphosate (ISO); N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine (EC Number: 213-997-4; CAS Number: 1071-83-6) (<https://echa.europa.eu/registry-of-clh-intentions-until-outcome/-/dislist/details/0b0236e185e41a77>).

⁵ This was based on all available scientific information in a weight of evidence assessment and on the criteria set out in Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on the classification, labelling and packaging of chemicals: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2008/1272/oj>.