



CAN WE TRUST THE REPORTED OUTCOME OF INDUSTRY TESTING?

- Industry will claim safety for any of their products, no matter the risks. The test laboratories hired by industry are also subject to a conflict of interest to produce a “positive” outcome (and ensure to be hired again in future);
- Literarily truck-loads of industry studies are delivered at the 'Rapporteur' member state; one chronic study could be a 1-meter high pile of paper; impossible to swallow by national civil servants, if they would understand it to begin with. Industry smartly offers them summaries, that are of course go in the direction of “ safe” use; there are always 'ways' to state that observed effects (Glyphosate: rabbits/malformations and mouse/cancer) are irrelevant;
- EU experts are no match for industry; they will generally read the summaries and only occasionally check studies; for instance NL pesticide board has 123 staff, of which 7 toxicologists, no-one of them published in scientific papers;
- Science on demand; industry is infiltrating our universities for years now; they will be able to supply university professors who claim safe use; they will hire consultants to write studies on safety, which will be published in (industry) scientific journals
- Industry campaigning. If industry doesn't get their way, they have a whole range of campaigning tools, lobby “over the top”, threat with court cases, hiring PR-companies to campaign and frame, misinform farmers to help lobbying the ministry of agriculture.