

The EU peer review of glyphosate

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INTERVENTION OUTLINE

5 mins

Semantics

of peer review conclusions

Numbers

of the glyphosate peer review

Transparency

of the process



SEMANTICS

- *Critical areas of concern* has a specific meaning within the EU regulatory framework. It is identified when the risk assessment shows that *none* of the uses proposed by the applicant will meet the approval criteria.
- If only one use is deemed to meet the approval criteria, then no areas of critical concerns are identified.
- However all issues non finalised; data gaps and outstanding issues are transparently listed in the peer review conclusions so for risk managers to consider appropriate actions.



GLYPHOSATE PEER REVIEW IN NUMBERS

Glyphosate peer review in numbers



Months Dec. 2019 - Jul. 2023



180,000

Pages dossier



2,400

Total studies assessed



700 from published literature



Total entries received from public consultation



National authorities



Experts appointed by **EU Member States** authorities





TRANSPARENCY OF THE PROCESS

- Two public consultations held in parallel by EFSA and ECHA in Nov. 2021
- High level reports of experts' meetings published in Dec. 2022
- Peer review main findings published on the day of adoption, 6 Jul. 2023
- Peer review conclusions published on 26 Jul. 2023
- Peer review report published on 25 Aug. 2023
- Final Renewal Assessment Report (RAR) published on 13 Sep. 2023

All information is available in Open EFSA: https://open.efsa.europa.eu/study-inventory/EFSA-Q-2020-00140



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