

**Question for written answer E-010934/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Herbicide 2,4-D

In its 23 June 2015 press release, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) published the results of research on two insecticides and the herbicide 2,4-D (2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid).

The study, carried out by a group of 26 experts from 13 different countries, classifies 2,4-D as possibly carcinogenic to humans (Group 2B). The health risks posed by this herbicide are all the more worrying given that 'the general population can be exposed through food, water, dust, or residential application, and during spraying'.

Increasingly, scientific studies are raising concerns about the effects that herbicides, pesticides and insecticides may have on the human body, emphasising the need to scrutinise these chemicals very carefully.

1. Does the Commission have more information about the carcinogenicity of the herbicide 2,4-D?
2. In the Commission's view, should this herbicide be taken off the European market?
3. In the light of numerous recent studies on the hazards associated with these chemicals, does the Commission intend to recommend the use of products which are more environmentally friendly and less harmful to human health?