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Subject: Glyphosate - implementation and enforcement of the recommended restrictions

On 29 June 2016, the Commission extended approval of an active substance called glyphosate for a limited period of a maximum of 18 months until the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) concludes its review of this active substance.

On 11 July 2016, the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed represented by experts from each Member State supported a measure concerning the conditions of approval of glyphosate by a qualified majority.

Until the final decision on re-authorisation of glyphosate, protection of public health, especially of the most vulnerable groups, such as children and pregnant women, is urgently needed.

- 1. How are the Member States going to implement and enforce the recommendations from the Commission, in particular the strict limitation on its use in parks and other public areas and the strict limitation of pre-harvest applications of glyphosate containing products?
- 2. How are the Member States going to implement and enforce any additional measures as recommended by Parliament in its resolution of 13 April 2016¹, in particular non-approval of non-professional use and non-approval on using glyphosate where integrated pest management systems are sufficient for the necessary weed control?

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¹ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0119.