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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

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2016 discharge: European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
(2017/2159(DEC))

Amendment 1
Pilar Ayuso, Karin Kadenbach, Julie Girling

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Notes with concern that the Union regulatory agencies responsible for the risk assessment of regulated products, in particular the Authority and the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), do not have sufficient resources to effectively fulfil these responsibilities; the Authority and ECHA should therefore be granted sufficient resources in order to carry out their specific responsibilities;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Welcomes the contribution of the Authority to the safety of the Union food and feed chain, by providing Union risk managers with comprehensive, independent and up-to-date scientific advice on questions linked to the food chain, communicating clearly to the public on its outputs and the information on which they are based, and cooperating with interested parties and institutional partners to promote coherence and trust in the Union food safety system;

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appears that the Authority failed to take account of all the available studies on the level of the potential dangers posed by this product, or even that it drew significantly on studies produced by manufacturers themselves when drawing up its reports;

Or. fr

Amendment 3
Bas Eickhout

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Welcomes the contribution of the Authority to the safety of the Union food and feed chain, *by* providing Union risk managers with comprehensive, independent and up-to-date scientific advice on questions linked to the food chain, communicating clearly to the public on its outputs and the information on which they are based, and cooperating with interested parties and institutional partners to promote coherence and trust in the Union food safety system;

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Amendment 4
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
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Amendment 5 **Luke Ming Flanagan**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 8**

Draft opinion

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Or. fr

Amendment 7
Pilar Ayuso, Julie Girling

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 a. Calls on the Commission to launch a policy debate with relevant stakeholders in order to review Union legislation related to risk assessment for food,

chemicals and related products and the effectiveness of such legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Luke Ming Flanagan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

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9 a. *Welcomes the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the Authority for the financial year 2016; welcomes particularly the unqualified assurance provided on both the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the transactions underlying those accounts; welcomes also the commitment by the Authority to implement the action plan recommended by the Court of Auditors to 'introduce an organisation-wide IT risk management framework and risk register and to separate the information security function from the IT Unit';*

Or. en

Amendment 9
Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

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Bas Eickhout

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10. Notes that the Authority *only granted partial access to the information requested by* Members of the European Parliament *in 2016 relating to studies* it had used *to reach its conclusions on the carcinogenicity* of the *active substance* glyphosate.; *notes that the Members of the European Parliament concerned have therefore taken the case to the European Court of Justice;*