

**Question for written answer E-002552/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Glyphosate authorisation

According to the European Food Safety Agency (EFSA) and the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), it is unlikely that glyphosate poses a risk to human health and the environment. Both agencies agree with the conclusions of the four rapporteur countries (France, Hungary, the Netherlands and Sweden), following an analysis of more than 2 000 scientific studies on the substance.

In the light of these conclusions, there are no compelling reasons to introduce a total ban on glyphosate after 15 December 2023.

In France, glyphosate is subject to certain restrictions, including a ban on its use on rows between vines and fruit trees, but it is authorised where mechanical weeding is not possible, where there are no economically viable alternatives or in conservation agriculture (without labour).

1. Given that this issue is highly sensitive in the Member States, does the Commission intend to take into account France's pragmatic approach and extend the authorisation of glyphosate (with restrictions)?
2. Moreover, would it be feasible to ban glyphosate use by individuals unless they have been trained in how to use it?

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