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to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Compliance of the toxicity assessment of representative formulations with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009

On 21 November 2022, the journal *Toxics* published an article[1] which revealed that four pesticide co-formulants have a higher level of toxicity than their sole declared active ingredient. These molecules are glyphosate, quizalofop-p-ethyl, fluroxypyr and dicamba.

In recent months, discussions with the Commission and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) have confirmed our suspicions regarding the compliance of toxicity assessments of representative formulations carried out during the approval procedure for active substances, particularly concerning the transparency and efficacy of the methods employed and the availability of toxicology data on co-formulants.

1. Did EFSA and the Commission take this study's scientific findings into account when approving these molecules as declared active substances?

2. Taking recent warnings into consideration, what measures does the Commission intend to take to ensure a transparent, scientifically valid assessment which is consistent with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009? The Regulation requires that at least one representative formulation containing the molecule approved as an active substance be demonstrated to have no harmful effects on human health or the environment.

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[1] https://www.mdpi.com/2305-6304/10/11/711/pdf