

Namens Helma Lodders wil ik het volgende verzoek doen.

Een reactie van de staatssecretaris van Economische Zaken op het bericht (zie hieronder) dat de stemming over de goedkeuring van glyfosaat in een patstelling is geëindigd.

Met daarbij in het bijzonder de vraag te reageren op de berichtgeving dat Nederland nog niet duidelijk een positie heeft ingenomen. Dit ook in het licht van de brief van de staatssecretaris van 13 mei jl. (Kamerstuknummer 2016D19442).

Graag zouden we deze reactie voor het AO LV-raad van 25 mei willen ontvangen.

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### **EU glyphosate debate ends in stalemate**

-- By Giulia Paravicini

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The two-day meeting of the EU Standing Plant Animal Food and Feed Committee ended with no vote over renewing the controversial pesticide glyphosate, ending months of negotiations between the Commission and member countries in a deadlock.

There was “no vote since we could not reach a qualified majority,” a source present at the meeting told POLITICO.

The stalemate throws into question the future in Europe of the world’s most widely used weedkiller, created and sold by Monsanto under the brand name Roundup, and others.

The Commission is facing a June 30 deadline on whether to renew marketing authorization for the pesticide. If not, after a six-month grace period, countries would be obliged to pull it from the market.

There are several options for what comes next, including going to an appeals committee.

This panel functions like the other comitology committees, made up of EU countries’ representatives, chaired by the Commission and using the same voting rules.

After the appeals committee, the whole dossier is handed over to the College of Commissioners. This procedure normally takes a maximum of six weeks, which implies that a deal could be reached by June 30.

As of yesterday evening, six member countries were still uncertain on their position: Germany, Italy, Slovakia, Austria, Portugal and the Netherlands, according to a source close to the talks.

Also as of that time, 19 countries were in favor of renewal. France was against and Italy seemed to lean towards a no as well. Sweden and Luxembourg leaned towards abstention and Austria and Slovakia “did not take any position.”