

NL - Protocol declaration on glyphosate

- First of all, The Netherlands would like to express its appreciation for all the work that has been done by the AGG consortium, EFSA and the Commission on this dossier.
- This resulted in a comprehensive risk assessment, where no critical areas of concern were identified by EFSA. The Netherlands acknowledges this outcome.
- On the other hand, in the Netherlands there are concerns present in society and amongst several scientists about the effects of glyphosate on biodiversity and about a possible link between the use of glyphosate and Parkinson's disease. Also, on scientific level, there have been several studies showing associations between the exposure to glyphosate and the development of Parkinson's disease. The concerns about biodiversity and the possible health effects of glyphosate lead to an adopted resolution in the Dutch Parliament to vote against a renewal of glyphosate.
- Following these concerns, the Netherlands will initiate a scientific research at our National Institute of Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) on a possible causal link between the use of glyphosate and Parkinson's disease. EFSA will be asked to be involved to ensure the results will be useful to interpret possible risks of the active substance glyphosate.
- The Netherlands would like to have an explicit confirmation from the Commission that the approval of glyphosate will be revoked when and if, from this study or from any other scientific information, it can be concluded that glyphosate causes unacceptable risks to humans, animals or the environment; especially in the case of a causal link between glyphosate and Parkinson's disease.
- In addition, The Netherlands asks EFSA to give priority to the development of test protocols on neurodegenerative impact of PPP's in order to include such studies in future risk assessments.
- The Netherlands also supports the development by EFSA of a risk assessment framework on the indirect effects of PPP's on biodiversity.
- Overall, The Netherlands acknowledges both: the outcome of the risk assessment **and** the concerns from society and the Dutch Parliament on the possible impact of glyphosate on biodiversity and human health. Therefore, The Netherlands will abstain on the current proposal.