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Press Release

Copa and Cogeca regret EU moves towards re-authorising herbicide active substance glyphosate for only 5 years not 15

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Copa and Cogeca are extremely disappointed by the EU move today which goes in the direction of re-authorising the most widely used herbicide glyphosate in the world – declared safe by EU scientists - for only 5 years instead of the full 15 years. The EU has turned its back on its scientists.

After no Qualified Majority took place in today's Standing Committee, we expect the Appeal Committee to take its decision based on the strong EU scientific evidence in favour of glyphosate. Copa and Cogeca Secretary-General Pekka Pesonen said "Glyphosate has been given a positive assessment by both the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), and the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). Our farmers and agri-cooperatives cannot understand why there should be any hesitation but to re-authorise its use for the full 15 years. Without renewal for the full term, credibility in the EU institutions and decision-makers is undermined".

He continued: "Today's vote creates uncertainty for farmers and industry, making it difficult for them to plan ahead. Our latest video shows the huge importance of glyphosate for our farmers across the EU. It features farmers from Poland, France, Germany, Sweden, Ireland, UK, Spain all underlining the many benefits of this product also for the environment and being at a loss without it. Glyphosate contributes in farmers' toolbox to provide a growing population with reliable food supplies and ensure agriculture conservation and fertile soils".

Click here to watch the video: <https://youtu.be/nEMX5-syExs>

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