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COCERAL holding statement on the European Chemicals Agency opinion on glyphosate

Brussels, 15 March 2017 – COCERAL welcomes the release of the European Chemicals Agency opinion on the harmonised classification for glyphosate. The Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) findings confirm, in line with the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) assessment, that the substance is unlikely to cause cancer, with no hazard classification regarding carcinogenicity, genotoxicity, mutagenicity or reproductive toxicity.

The RAC opinion, together with the previous EFSA risk assessment and other evaluations of glyphosate, provides robust scientific evidence for Member States in their role as risk managers to support the authorisation renewal of glyphosate beyond its expiration set on 31 December 2017.

European decision-makers and Member States should rigorously follow science when considering the authorisation or renewal of authorisation of active substances in Plant Protection Products (PPPs).

PPPs are critical tools for farmers to secure sustainable yields in agricultural production in Europe and to manage quality and safety risks for their crops. Glyphosate is the most widely used herbicide in the world and its authorisation is essential to safeguard the supply of grain and oilseeds to the EU, especially protein sources for the poultry sector.

COCERAL and its members are committed to ensure food and feed safety compliance and support science-based policy decisions, including on Maximum Residue Levels setting, to protect human, animal and environmental health.

The statement from the European Chemicals Agency is available [here](#).

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