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### COCERAL and Copa-Cogeca call for full 15 years glyphosate re-authorisation

COCERAL and Copa-Cogeca sent a joint letter to Member States this week calling for the full 15 years re-authorisation of the herbicide active substance glyphosate in the EU after the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) gave it a positive assessment.

In their joint statement, the organisations stress “Strong scientific evidence supports the re-authorization of this widely-used active substance for 15 years. As there are no safety concerns, we urge Member States in the Committee to favour extending its use for fifteen years, and not 10 years as suggested again this week by the EU Commission, when they exchange views on it this week. It is vital to respect science-based decision-making and maintain trust in EFSA and the good standards that EU producers respect”.

COCERAL and Copa-Cogeca underline that glyphosate is the most widely used herbicide and its use is important together with catch crops to prevent soil erosion and cut greenhouse gas emissions

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**COCERAL** is the European association of trade in cereals, rice, feedstuffs, oilseeds, olive oil, oils and fats and agrosupply. It represents the interest of the European collectors, traders, importers, exporters and port silo storekeepers of the above mentioned agricultural products. COCERAL's full members are 21 national associations in 15 countries and 1 European association [Unistock]. With about 3500 companies as part of COCERAL national members, the sector trades agricultural raw materials destined to the supply of the food and feed chains, as well as for technical and energy uses. COCERAL has 1 associated member in Switzerland and 2 European Associations (EUROMALT and EUROMAISERS). Gafta is an extraordinary member of COCERAL.

**COPA AND COGEGA** are the united voice of farmers and agri-cooperatives in the EU. Together, they ensure that EU agriculture is sustainable, innovative and competitive, guaranteeing food security to half a billion people throughout Europe. Copa represents nearly 23 million farmers and their families whilst Cogeca represents the interests of 22,000 agricultural cooperatives. They have 66 member organisations from the EU member states.