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COCERAL STATEMENT on Plant Protection Products and Glyphosate

COCERAL calls on the EU decision-makers and Members of the EU Parliament to rigorously abide by science when considering the authorization or renewal of authorization of any Plant Protection Product (PPP).

PPPs are essential to secure sustainable yields and quality of agricultural production in Europe. PPPs are essential for farmers to manage the impact of naturally occurring fungicidal contaminants like mycotoxins, as well as to control adverse effects of insects or undesirable weeds, which seriously risk reducing agricultural output or render produce unsaleable, thus reducing Europe's ability to provide sustainable supply of wholesome cereals, oilseeds and arable crops.

COCERAL relies on the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) scientific findings, including but not limited to - Glyphosate herbicide. EFSA has not classified Glyphosate as threatening human health overall, including its residues, the presence of which does not show evidence of posing chronic or acute risks for the consumers.

COCERAL urges the EU decision-makers and Members of the EU Parliament to maintain the herbicide active substance Glyphosate on the EU market and to grant the renewal of its authorization soonest.

COCERAL Secretary General Teresa Babuscio said: "with EFSA and Member States food authorities having confirmed the safety of Glyphosate, and considering the importance of the active substance for EU farmers, we expect the herbicide to be re-authorized by the EU Commission". She added: "Glyphosate is the most widely used herbicide in the world. Failure to reauthorize it would seriously jeopardise the supply of grains and oilseeds to the EU market, particularly vegetable protein sources for the poultry sector".

COCERAL members are committed to ensure compliance with the highest food and feed safety standards. COCERAL supports scientific evidence and science-based policy decisions in all fields affecting the EU market, including the application of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) to protect human, animal and environmental health.

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