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PHYTOPHAR against Walloon Region: Banning pesticides is forbidden!

On January 21, 2021, Belgium's Council of State cancelled the Walloon Region's March 2017 [order](#) banning the use of glyphosate-based herbicides in the region. According to the Council of State, the ban on glyphosate-based herbicides ordered by the Walloon Region is too general and set for too long a period, which makes the order illegal.

This decision follows an appeal by the pesticide lobby group, the Belgian Association of the Plant Protection Products Industry, Phytophar. This is the second time that the pesticide industry has had the Walloon region's efforts to reduce pesticide use cancelled in court.

Indeed, the Walloon government had also banned the use of pesticides containing neonicotinoids on its territory in March 2018, in reaction to the

Belgian government's decision to derogate from the European ban on neonicotinoids. On June 11, 2020, the Council of State [had cancelled the order](#) of the Walloon region.

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