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Pesticide Newsletter

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Justice Pesticides **collects pesticide-related legal disputes** around the world in order to help victims of these toxic products obtain legal redress.

We will try to provide you on a regular basis - every two months - with jurisdictional and legislative news, as well as initiatives to fight such global poisons.

We hope you will find this information interesting and useful. Please share this newsletter with potentially interested contacts.

JURISDICTIONAL NEWS



United States: Ban on chlorpyrifos in sight?

Capping 14 years of legal battles led by American associations, the Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit has enjoined the American Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ban the use of chlorpyrifos, a particularly toxic insecticide. The court found that the EPA's delay in doing so has exposed a generation of American children to brain damage.

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U.S.A. : Bayer's strategy for dealing with Roundup lawsuits

Bayer is paying a plaintiff to appeal a ruling in favor of the company in a lawsuit he filed over cancer he believes is linked to his use of the herbicide Roundup. Bayer's goal is to uphold the positive ruling at the federal level.

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U.S.A. : Massive lawsuits against Syngenta and Chevron over Paraquat

Syngenta and Chevron are facing a growing number of lawsuits over the production and marketing of Paraquat, an old herbicide linked to Parkinson's disease. It is contained in the product marketed under the name Gramoxone.

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Chile: Victory of the residents of Chaitén against the use of glyphosate for road maintenance

Thirty-three residents of the municipality of Chaitén, in the province of Palena in Chile, filed an appeal on March 25th, 2021 to the Court of Appeals of Puerto Montt. They noticed the use of glyphosate herbicides in the maintenance of municipal roads by the company Constructora San Felipe S.A.

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France: The elaboration of departmental charters of commitments on pesticides is contrary to the Constitution

The Constitutional Council ruled that the procedure for drawing up departmental charters of commitments on pesticides was contrary to the Constitution. From now on, any person can participate in the elaboration of these charters, whether or not he or she is a resident of the area concerned.

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS



Canada: The Quebec government recognizes the link between pesticides and Parkinson's disease

The Quebec government, led by François Legault, has included Parkinson's disease in the list of occupational diseases, thus recognizing for the first time the link between the use of pesticides and the onset of this disease.

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U.K. : Neonicotinoids remain banned

The United Kingdom is reversing its decision of last January to authorize the use of the neonicotinoid insecticide thiamethoxam for sugar beet cultivation.

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Colombia: Resumption of aerial spraying of glyphosate in the fight against coca

The Colombian President Iván Duque signed on April 12th, 2021, a decree authorizing the resumption of aerial sprayings of glyphosate in the fight against illicit cultivations of coca,

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U.S.A. : Banning pesticides in New York parks

New York City is banning pesticides in parks, playgrounds and other public spaces. The decision comes after a group of children protested for several years to get rid of these substances.

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CIVIL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES



Glyphosate and glyphosate-based herbicides in courts

Justice Pesticides has produced a summary of court cases involving glyphosate and glyphosate-based herbicides (GBH) in Europe and worldwide, thanks to the financial support of the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament.

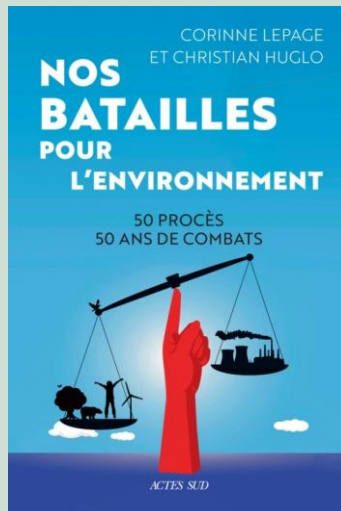
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Brazil: Our Brazilian Board member Larissa Mies Bombardi victim of intimidation attempts

Since Jair Bolsonaro's accession to the Brazilian presidency in January 2019, threats against academics, national administrators, and environmental advocates have been growing. Their scientific work and their positions on government policies are subject to virulent criticism and they are increasingly victims of intimidation attempts

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Corinne Lepage and Christian Hugo: *Our Battles for the Environment: 50 trials, 50 years of fights*

Corinne Lepage, lawyer, former Minister of the Environment and MEP, Chair of Justice Pesticides just published, with her husband, lawyer Christian Huglo, her latest book

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Leaflet : Weed killers and crop treatments, what you need to know

Justice Pesticides, Friends of the Earth, *Secrets Toxiques*, Réseau Environnement Santé and *Vivre et agir en Maurienne* provide a summary of the rules to know about pesticides. The objective of this brochure is to provide French citizens with a short manual so that any potential victim can easily be aware of his/her rights. The leaflet is intended to be widely distributed, so do not hesitate to download, print and distribute it.

[Download the brochure \(French only\)](#)



European Citizens' Initiative for an agricultural policy that saves both bees and farmers

Justice Pesticides is a partner of the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) "Save the bees and the farmers". In order to protect bees and the health of citizens, we ask the Commission to propose legal acts to phase out synthetic pesticides by 2035, restore biodiversity and help farmers during this transition period.

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You can help us!

Justice Pesticides needs your help to develop its database of legal proceedings concerning pesticides around the world. This database, which is unique in the world, is a valuable source of information to help pesticide victims to claim justice that is due to them, and NGOs to appeal against the authorisations of these toxic products.

Making a donation to Justice Pesticides means also helping to define legal strategies to put an end to the poisoning of the planet and strengthening current and increasing future litigation.

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