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Argentina: The province of Misiones wants to ban glyphosate

At the end of June 2022, the Natural Resources Committee of the Province of Misiones House of Representatives unanimously [approved Bill XVI-N°124](#), which in its Article 7 "prohibits the use of glyphosate, its components and related products throughout the province," providing for a gradual two-year transition period.

The bill is spearheaded by **Carlos Rovira**, former governor of the province of Misiones and president of the Natural Resources Commission, who has been active in denouncing the toxicity of the substance, and who seeks to protect the province, which is home to 52% of the country's biodiversity and is the last portion of Parana's rainforest in the region.

But the project is meeting with significant resistance from small and medium-sized producers of tobacco, forest products, yerba mate, tea and citrus fruits, who use it to control weeds. For them, it is not possible to do without glyphosate. In the absence of a substitute as effective as glyphosate, the only other way to control weeds would be to hire rural workers to weed continuously, which is not economically feasible for small farmers.

The producers condemned the government's initiative and asked the Commission to be received to discuss delays to the ban and alternatives.

The province of Misiones is not the first in this country, which is totally committed to glyphosate, especially since the huge expansion of GM soybean crops tolerant to Roundup, to speak out against glyphosate. The province of Chubut, in the Patagonia region, has been the first Argentinian region to ban it in its territory. But it is a testimonial ban, because in agricultural terms, it does not have the same production at all as Misiones.

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