



## Newsletter about Pesticides

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#### **Guernsey: Ban on retail sales of glyphosate-based products**

The State's Health & Safety Executive (HSE) has [decided](#) to ban the sale of glyphosate products to the public beginning October 31, 2022, in a decision released on July 25, 2022.

The use of glyphosate and glyphosate-based herbicides is threatening Guernsey's water supply and biodiversity. Earlier this year, Guernsey Water revealed multiple elevated glyphosate readings in waterways, which are increasingly linked to domestic glyphosate products.

The utility had called on the public to reduce its use to protect the island's water supply. However, for the HSE, campaigns to discourage voluntary use have not been very effective and the island is at a stage where the risk to its water supply

is too great. It has therefore decided that the sale of glyphosate-based herbicides to households will be banned from October 31.

This ban will not apply to the sale of these products for professional use. The HSE said it had not found a link between the use of glyphosate-based products by local businesses and areas where high water contamination has been detected.

For Deputy **David De Lisle**, this [ban](#) is only a half measure, partial and overdue. He and six other deputies had already [proposed](#) a total ban on glyphosate in 2019, but that proposal was rejected on the grounds that glyphosate is the world's best-selling herbicide and that a ban on the chemical could pose a threat to the jurisdiction, jeopardizing the island's potential relationship with the World Trade Organization (WTO). According to the deputy, only a total ban on the herbicide would prevent the contamination of the island's environment since its use is widespread. He notes that professionals will be able to continue to contaminate Guernsey's water supply and environment with this toxic product that has been identified as a carcinogen.

He does not rule out presenting another Petition to the State Assembly to propose a total ban, which would make glyphosate illegal when used by both accredited professionals and amateur householders.

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