

Dear readers,

On 13 October, the vote by the Member States of the European Union on the European Commission's proposal to renew the registration of glyphosate for 10 years failed to produce a qualified majority. A new vote is expected on 16 November.

Meanwhile, in the United States, Bayer was condemned three times in October to compensate individuals who developed cancer of the lymphatic system after using glyphosate-based products, Roundup. This parallel should give Member States more reason than ever to reject the European Commission's proposal.

In this newsletter no. 13, you will find a selection of news items published in our legal database in October 2023, on neonicotinoids and chlorpyrifos-methyl in Europe, or atrazine in Brazil... Have a good read!

The Justice Pesticides team

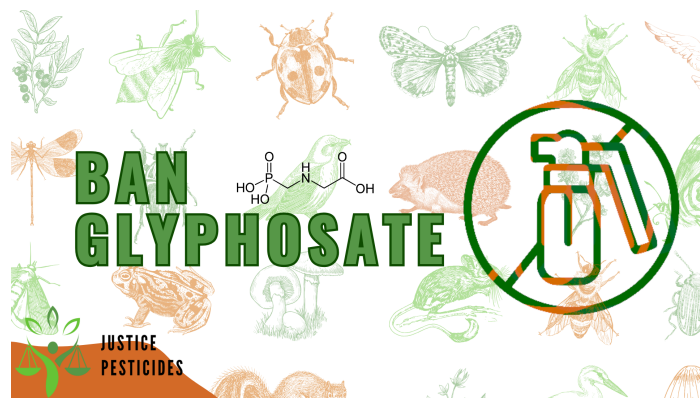
Paris, 2 November 2023.

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Petition against glyphosate

We are **76 lawyers from 13 different countries**, defending nature and the victims of pesticides, and **calling for a worldwide ban on glyphosate**. [Read our petition](#).



European law news

EU/Belgium: The Belgian Council of State applies the CJEU ruling of 19 January 2023 and cancels the authorisation of 6 neonicotinoid insecticides.

On 17 October, the Belgian Council of State annulled the six decisions authorising the use of clothianidin- and thiamethoxam-based insecticides banned in the European Union. This decision follows the interpretation of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 by the Court of Justice of the European Union in a ruling dated 19 January 2023. [To find out more about this case, click here.](#)



EU: The European Commission has postponed the revision of the REACH regulation.

The Commission's work programme for 2024, published on 17 October, no longer includes a review of the REACH Regulation. Promoted as the keystone of the chemical component of the Green Pact, REACH regulates the management and evaluation of chemical substances in the European Union, and was originally scheduled for review in 2022. [To find out more, click here.](#)

EU: The General Court confirms the ban on chlorpyrifos-methyl.

On 4 October, the General Court of the European Union rejected the request by two manufacturers of plant protection products to annul the implementing regulation (EU) 2020/17 adopted by the European Commission in 2020 concerning the non-renewal of the approval of the active substance chlorpyrifos-methyl. [To find out more about the case, click here.](#)





United States: In October, Monsanto was condemned to pay...

... \$332 million to Mike Dennis.

On 31 October, a jury in San Diego County Court in California ordered Monsanto, which was acquired by Bayer in 2018, to pay \$332 million to Mike Dennis, a 57-year-old former surveyor who developed non-Hodgkin's lymphoma after being exposed to Monsanto's Roundup glyphosate-based products. [To find out more, click here.](#)

... \$175 million to Ernie Caranci.

On 27 October, a jury in Philadelphia County Court ordered Bayer to pay \$175 million in compensation to Ernie Caranci, an 83-year-old restaurant owner who developed non-Hodgkin's lymphoma after years of using Roundup.

[To read more about the case, click here.](#)

... \$1,25 million to John Durnell.

On 20 October, a jury in the County Court of Saint Louis, Missouri, unanimously found that there was a causal link between John Durnell's exposure to Roundup and his contracting non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He was awarded damages of \$1.25 million. [To find out more, click here.](#)



United States: Temporary suspension of an aerial pesticide spraying business

On 19 October 2023, the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Kern, issued a decision temporarily suspending the aerial pesticide spraying activities of the US company Agra Fly. This decision follows a number of incidents involving pesticide residues from spraying on untreated plots of land. [To find out more, click here.](#)

France: No further action taken on complaints lodged by "voluntary pissers"

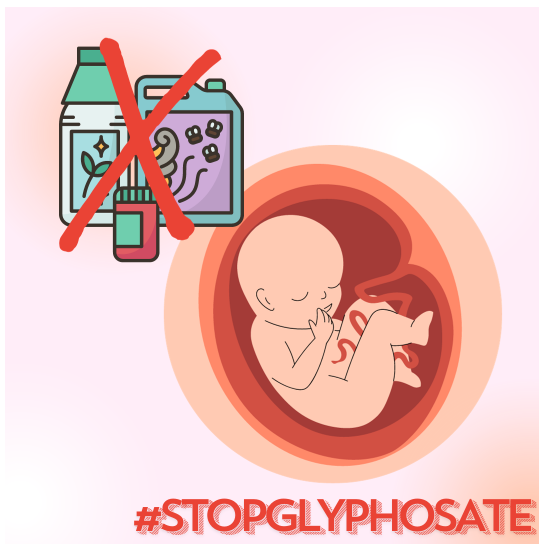
In a letter sent to the Collectif de la Campagne glyphosate on 12 October 2023, the Public Prosecutor's Office of the Paris Judicial Court announced that it had dismissed the 5,400 complaints lodged since 2018 by individuals concerned about high levels of glyphosate detected by tests in their urine. According to the Paris public prosecutor's office, there was no immediate risk of death or serious injury. [To find out more, click here.](#)



France: Whistleblower Valérie Murat has raised the necessary funds to lodge an appeal.

On 25 February 2021, the Libourne judicial court ordered Valérie Murat, whistleblower and daughter of a winegrower who died of cancer linked to the use of pesticides, and the NGO *Alerte aux Toxiques*, to pay €125,000 in compensation for moral prejudice suffered by the Conseil Interprofessionnel des Vins de Bordeaux and several winegrowers' associations, for having published an article entitled "Analysis of pesticide residues in wines, results: the High Environmental Value label still greedy for pesticides". Thanks to an online fund-raising campaign, the sum needed to appeal against this decision was raised by the end of October 2023. [To read more about the case, click here.](#)

Administrative law news



France: The link between glyphosate and Théo Grataloup's congenital malformations has been recognised

For the first time, the Pesticide Victims Compensation Fund has recognised the link between exposure to glyphosate during pregnancy and the development of congenital malformations in children. The Grataloup family has received €36,000 in compensation for the damage suffered by Sabine Grataloup's son. [To read more about the case, click here.](#)

France : On the presence of chloridazone in drinking water

On 5 October, the Amiens Administrative Court rejected the ROSO NGO's request for measures to restrict the consumption of water in certain municipalities where the health value for chloridazone metabolites had been exceeded. For the interim relief judge, the transitional health value is not a strictly defined threshold, but is simply a precautionary measure to manage local situations while awaiting the opinion of the ANSES agency. [To find out more, click here.](#)



Brazil: A ban on atrazine on the horizon?

On 5 October, a group of prosecutors brought a case before a Brazilian court asking the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency, the agency responsible for approving pesticides in Brazil, to ban all plant protection products containing atrazine, a herbicide widely used in Brazil and already banned in the European Union. [To find out more, click here.](#)

France: Mayor, pesticides and waste

On 13 October, the Nantes Administrative Court of Appeal upheld the annulment of the 'anti-pesticide' municipal order issued by the mayor of La Montagne. In this case, the waste management policy did not allow him to issue an order stating that any discharge of phytopharmaceutical products outside the property for which they are intended constitutes a waste deposit and is prohibited. [To find out more, click here.](#)



France: Announcement of a new pesticide management plan for 2030, "Ecophyto 2030"

On 30 October, the French government announced a new plan for the management of plant protection products up to 2030, the "Ecophyto 2030" plan, which aims to reduce the use of pesticides by 50% by 2030 compared with the period 2015-2017. [To find out more, click here.](#)

Other news

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United States: EPA publishes a participatory database on pesticide incidents

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has published a database listing all incidents over the last ten years in which individuals have suffered or witnessed damage to human health or the environment as a result of pesticides. Updated monthly, this database can be filled in by the public, pesticide companies, etc. [To find out more, click here.](#)

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