

**Question for written answer E-014525/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Registration of plant protection products and the SCFCAH

Approval for active substances in plant protection products is granted by the European Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health (SCFCAH), a body comprising experts designated by the EU Member States. The SCFCAH has the power to grant conditional or full approval for the placing of plant protection products on the market. Approval is granted for a maximum of 10 years, after which a fresh assessment must be made. However, an active substance may be reviewed at any time if valid concerns arise as to its safety or suitability.

Bearing in mind that glyphosate, which is the active substance in one of Europe's most widely sold herbicides, has been classed by the World Health Organisation as potentially harmful for health, is the SCFCAH conducting a fresh assessment of this product? What information can the Commission divulge on the relevant procedure?