On 12 December 2017, the European Commission renewed EU approval of glyphosate for 5 years, until 15 December 2022.

EU rules state that companies wishing to maintain approval have to submit an application for renewal to the Commission three years before expiry.

On 8 June 2020, a dossier comprising hundreds of scientific studies and an evaluation of thousands of scientific articles on glyphosate's safety and use was submitted to the evaluating Member States (AGG).

The AGG assessed the dossier and issued a draft Report on the Assessment of the Renewal (RAR) on 15 June 2021. The report was then sent to EFSA for review. A summary of the AGG’s evaluation and key findings is available on their website.

A public consultation and peer review will open, at the end of which EFSA will publish its conclusions and sends them to the Commission’s Directorate General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE).

Following EFSA’s conclusions, the Commission drafts a legislative proposal. This is discussed in the Member State Standing Committee on plants, animals, food and feed (SCoPAFF).

These Member State experts ultimately vote on glyphosate’s reapproval. A positive vote requires a qualified majority of Member States voting in favour.

Only after the successful renewal of the approval of an active substance can products containing this active substance be re-authorised in Member States.