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Asociația Producătorilor de Porumb  
din România

Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis  
European Commission DG Health and Food Safety  
Rue de la Loi 170, B-1049 Brussels, Belgium

**Re: Glyphosate renewal**

**Dear European Union Commissioner Andriukaitis,**

The current approval of glyphosate as an active substance under the Plant Protection Products Regulation (EC) 1107/2009 is set to expire on 15 December 2017. Last year you extended the review period of glyphosate in order to wait for classification from ECHA, the European Chemicals Agency. In March 2017, ECHA concluded that glyphosate is safe and cannot be classified as carcinogenic. You have since said that you “have no doubt that this substance is safe”. The Commission accepts that the conditions for the approval of glyphosate are satisfied.<sup>1</sup>

You now have everything you need to approve the renewal of this substance, which is a critical tool for me and for hundreds of thousands of farmers across Europe.

If glyphosate is taken off the market, I will suffer substantial damages including reduced yields and increased costs. I am therefore writing to urge you to follow without delay the legal steps required to renew the EU approval of glyphosate as an active substance in plant protection products before **December 15, 2017**.

As per article 265 TFEU, if you have not taken any decision within two months of the receipt of this notice, I reserve my right to bring an action before the Court of Justice of the European Union and to make you accountable for damages that I will have suffered through your Commission’s failure to act.

Yours sincerely,  
ARNAUD PERREIN, APPR PRESIDENT



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WORKING 400 000 HECTARES OF ARABLE LAND ACROSS ROMANIA***

<sup>1</sup> Recital 17 of the Commission’s draft renewal decision, published in July 2017.

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