

Brazil's Public Prosecutor Wants to Ban Monsanto's Chemicals Following Recent Glyphosate-Cancer Link

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While some agencies in Brazil have been <u>busy giving 3 new GMO crops</u> green lights, the country's public prosecutor has <u>written</u> the Brazil's National Health Surveillance Agency (ANVISA) asking it to urgently re-evaluate their stance on the 'likely carcinogenic' herbicide ingredient, glyphosate. The letter was written with an expectation that the agency will ban the main ingredient in Monsanto's best selling herbicide.

In addition to this request, the prosecutor would like ANVISA to <u>revoke authorizations</u> for any GMO crops which were created to be used with glyphosate. This means most of the crops, since biotech has based almost their entire marketing campaign on 'Round Up Ready" seed – engineered to withstand copious amounts of glyphosate.

The prosecutor's urgent request comes after the IARC, the cancer arm of the World Health Organization, <u>admitted that</u> glyphosate was 'probably carcinogenic.' The prosecutor is joined by thousands around the globe who seem to have been waiting for a claim such as this one by the WHO to feel confident enough to voice their own worries about glyphosate.

The public prosecutor only *now* seems to stand for the public, and has launched an investigation into whether regulatory authorizations for glyphosate-tolerant transgenics are even legal.

The public prosecutor has asked the CTNBio, the agency that granted the authorizations in Brazil, for copies of all regulatory documents relating to the commercial release of glyphosate-tolerant GMOs.

ANVISA is waiting on the IARC to publish a report on glyphosate before making a decision about whether or not to ban the toxic chemical. Thus far, only an executive summary has been published in the Lancet.

This seems to be a stall tactic, since there were numerous reports from credible scientists prior to the WHO's IARC <u>pointing to the dangers of glyphosate</u>.

Furthermore, Brazil's consideration of banning Monsanto's chemical concoction is still way ahead of America's steps to do the same. Further, while US garden and DIY stores are still selling cancer-causing poison in a jug, a German retail giant announced that it will no longer carry glyphosate-containing products as of September 30, 2015.

Where are America's actions? Even our presidential candidates are still pushing poison GMOs.

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