

Monsanto Sued for Deliberate Falsification to Conceal that Glyphosate (Roundup) is Harmful to Humans and Animals

Class Action Lawsuit Will Help Break Monsanto for Making False Claims

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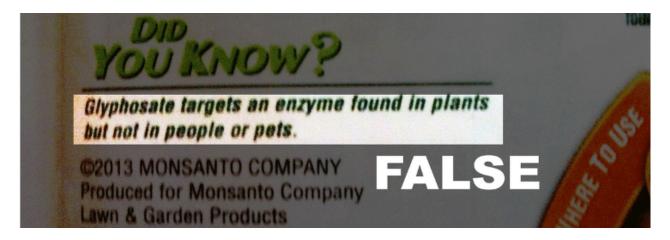
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Those claims that Monsanto made – that glyphosate was harmless to humans – well, the company is about to pay for that 'false advertising' in the form of a class action lawsuit put forth by the offices of T. Matthew Phillips in Los Angeles, California.

In the lawsuit filed in California, Monsanto is accused of:

The deliberate falsification to conceal the fact that glyphosate is harmful to humans and animals.



The class action lawsuit (Case No: BC 578 942) was filed in Los Angeles County, California against biotechnology giant Monsanto. It alleges that Monsanto is guilty of false advertising by claiming that glyphosate, the active ingredient in their best-selling herbicide, Roundup, "targets an enzyme only found in plants and not in humans or animals." You can see this statement marked clearly on some of Monsanto's products sold in the state.

The lawsuit attests that the enzyme in question, EPSP synthase, is found in the microbiota that reside in our intestinal tracts, and therefore the enzyme is "found in humans and animals." Due to the disruption of gut flora by glyphosate, Monsanto's chemicals do indeed affect humans.

Why is Monsanto being sued? Because their product kills off our healthy gut-flora. Specifically:

"... glyphosate is linked to stomach and bowel problems, indigestion, ulcers, colitis, gluten intolerance, sleeplessness, lethargy, depression, Crohn's Disease, Celiac Disease, allergies, obesity, diabetes, infertility, liver disease, renal failure, autism, Alzheimer's, endocrine disruption, and the W.H.O. recently announced glyphosate is 'probably carcinogenic'."

The International Agency for Research on Cancer, part of the World Health Organization (WHO), last month <u>declared that</u> glyphosate is a <u>Group 2A carcinogen</u>. The American Cancer Society quickly <u>followed suit</u>, also listing glyphosate as a Group 2A carcinogen.

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Countries around the world are demanding that Roundup be banned, at least until 'further research' on its harmful affects can be completed. But even an Environmental Protection Agency memo classified glyphosate as a possible carcinogen in 1985. Later in 1991, when the agency randomly changed the classification to 'not carcinogenic,' three scientists involved in the study refused to sign, and one wrote "do not concur."

The document which will be presented in court contains data that clearly shows a *statistically significant increase in tumors in laboratory animals treated with glyphosate*. Monsanto was only able to make the claim that tumors in rats could not be related to glyphosate because there were not *more tumors in rats who were given higher doses*.

This lawsuit is likely the long-awaited tipping point for millions of people who are tired of being poisoned by Big Ag and biotech greed, irreverence for human life and the environment, and utter disdain for our legal system which is meant to protect the innocent.

Along with this lawsuit is another filed against the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture just weeks ago, by Beijing resident Yang Xiao-lu. It requests disclosure of a toxicology report which was submitted to Chinese officials for the herbicide's registration in China.

The case has been accepted and the collegiate panel of the court has informed the plaintiff that, considering that Monsanto is a stakeholder to the case, they have added Monsanto as an involved party.

Chinese citizens asked for this toxicology report once before, but the Ministry of Agriculture denied them. The Ministry said that they had to protect "trade secrets" of Monsanto and other biotech bullies.

Likely the only thing that needed to be protected was Monsanto's reputation when the recipe for their toxic products are already known the world over.

Attorney T. Matthew Phillips says:

"The defendant intentionally misleads consumers by misrepresenting and concealing the true and correct facts concerning glyphosate. We are not trying to prove that Roundup is harmful or carcinogenic, we are merely pointing out that Monsanto is lying about the enzymes that Roundup targets. Roundup kills the weeds in your backyard and the weeds in your stomach."

Judgment is sought against Monsanto to prohibit the company from continuing to make the

claim that glyphosate targets an enzyme not found in humans and for compensation to the plaintiffs, including attorney fees.

Residents of California can become members of the class in this action by contacting T. Matthew Phillips. Phillips has indicated that he hopes other attorneys in other states will follow suit [pun intended].

4/22/2015: Case number was added.

4/23/2015: The lawsuit can be downloaded from http://www.monsantoclassaction.org/

Residents of California can add their names to the class. Plaintiffs are soliciting funds to help cover litigation costs: http://www.gofundme.com/monsantolawsuit

4/25/2015: T. Matthew Phillips will ask the court to compel the Defendant to reimburse donors, with interest.

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