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HEALTH CANADA CONCLUDES NO CONCERNS WITH GLYPHOSATE

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On January 11, 2019, Health Canada issued a statement that objections raised over glyphosate could not be scientifically supported when considering the entire body of relevant data.

Health Canada also states there is no pesticide regulatory authority in the world that currently considers glyphosate to be a cancer risk to humans at the current levels of exposure. To ensure an unbiased assessment of the information, Health Canada selected a group of 20 of its own scientists who were not involved in the 2017 re-evaluation to evaluate the notices of objection.

"This is reassuring news for the agriculture and forestry sectors," says Mike Legere, executive director, Forest NB. "This is just one of many tools that foresters use as part of an effective and efficient way to manage the forest. **More importantly, we want to know and ensure our practices are safe and have minimal environmental impact."**

Glyphosate has been used and tested for safety and environmental impact for over 40 years. The process reviewed all relevant scientific research regarding glyphosate from around the world.

Ninety per cent of all glyphosate used in Canada is used by **farmers and the agriculture sector on more than 70 different food crops.**

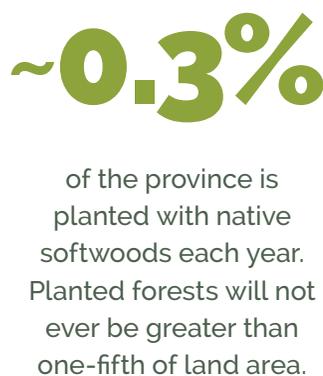
Forestry's use of this Health Canada approved product involves rigorous planning including buffers and water protection, certified professionals, and permits by the Department of Environment.

More information on Health Canada's statement can be found here, <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2019/01/statement-from-health-canada-on-glyphosate.html>

ABOUT FORESTRY IN NEW BRUNSWICK



Lumber and wood products is the second largest sector, employing **24,000 people** directly and indirectly.



One in 14 jobs in New Brunswick depend on the forest sector, with more than 2,500 businesses in the supply chain.

Planted forests are very productive. Planted forests provide more valuable timber for economic development by using less of the land—allowing more forest land to be used for conservation.



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All registered pesticides must be re-evaluated by the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) on a cyclical basis to make sure they continue to meet modern health and environment safety standards and continue to have value. In 2015, the PMRA published the outcome of its extensive re-examination of glyphosate for public comment, which **concluded that the products containing glyphosate do not present unacceptable risks to human health or the environment when used according to the revised product label directions.**

During this re-examination, the PMRA assessed the potential human health risk of glyphosate from drinking water, food, occupational and bystander exposure, as well as the environmental risk to non-target organisms. Both the active ingredient and formulated products were included in the re-evaluation. The assessment was carried out based on available information provided by the manufacturer of the pesticide, as well as a large volume of published scientific literature, monitoring information (for example, ground water and surface water), and reviews conducted by other regulatory authorities.

THE OVERALL FINDING FROM THE RE-EXAMINATION OF GLYPHOSATE IS HIGHLIGHTED AS FOLLOWS:

- Glyphosate is not genotoxic and is **unlikely to pose a human cancer risk.**
- **Dietary (food and drinking water) exposure** associated with the use of glyphosate is **not expected to pose a risk of concern to human health.**
- **Occupational and residential risks** associated with the use of glyphosate are **not of concern**, provided that updated label instructions are followed.
- The environmental assessment concluded that **spray buffer zones are necessary to mitigate potential risks** to non-target species (for example, vegetation near treated areas, aquatic invertebrates, and fish) from spray drift.
- When used according to revised label directions, glyphosate products are **not expected to pose risks of concern to the environment.**
- All registered glyphosate uses **have value for weed control** in agriculture and non-agricultural land management.

Find out more at

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/consumer-product-safety/reports-publications/pesticides-pest-management/decisions-updates/registration-decision/2017/glyphosate-rvd-2017-01.html>

Forest NB is the New Brunswick Forest Products Association, representing forest product manufacturers in dealings with government and the public. Forestry employs 24,000 New Brunswickers through sustainable management of our renewable forest resource.