



## **MAGB statement on Glyphosate Use on Malting Barley**

### **Is glyphosate safe to use?**

Glyphosate has been authorised by the European Commission as safe to use for cultivation of cereals, including malting barley, ([https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/glyphosate\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/glyphosate_en)). This followed an extensive review by the European Food Safety Authority which concluded that glyphosate poses minimal risk to non-target plants and animals when used appropriately. This view was also upheld in a joint report from the World Health Organisation and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN (<https://www.who.int/foodsafety/imprsummary2016.pdf?ua=1>).

### **Can we be reassured that residues are low?**

Member companies of the MAGB regularly monitor barley for residual protection products (<http://www.ukmalt.com/pesticides>). This includes glyphosate and results have consistently demonstrated that residues are well below the EU regulatory limit. Results also show that during malting a substantial proportion of chemical residues are washed from the grain by the steep water or are destroyed during kilning. Residues in malts are therefore significantly lower than in barleys and is confirmed by surveillance of commercial malts.

### **Contractual specifications are also important**

The MAGB is also aware that individual companies may hold views that differ from others and in some cases, this is down to the markets in which they operate. For this reason, there may be differing company positions regarding glyphosate and its use in the supply chain.

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