Yukie,

Please see the message below for our messaging on the U.S. glyphosate litigation. With regard to your specific questions, I would suggest that we have a brief call to answer your questions and provide additional background. I will ask Chris Blum, copied here, to look at our calendars and set up a 30-minute call for this team either early Tuesday morning or late Tuesday evening (U.S. time) — whenever looks to be most convenient for the team in Japan.

Regards,

Sam Murphey

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Team –

As discussed on the weekly glyphosate call, the first two post-IARC glyphosate personal injury lawsuits in the U.S. were filed in late September. One case was filed in New York and another in California. We had anticipated such litigation for some time. Plaintiffs’ attorneys have been advertising for additional plaintiffs in other areas. As expected, the lawsuits have received some media coverage, including a Reuters story that was picked up in several regions.
If your regional CE team receives any media inquiries regarding the litigation, please inform Charla Lord, Senior Media Issues Manager in St. Louis, immediately to coordinate an appropriate response.

If you receive questions from employees or stakeholders, an appropriate response is: “While sympathetic to individuals experiencing health problems, including those alleged by the plaintiffs in these cases, we believe that glyphosate is safe for human health when used as labeled and that these suits are without merit. Decades of experience within agriculture and regulatory reviews using the most extensive worldwide human health databases ever compiled on an agricultural product contradict the claims in the suits which will be vigorously defended.”

We will keep you informed as this situation develops. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Sam Murphey