

No Faith in False Solutions: Food Safety Fact Sheet


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- The African Centre for Biodiversity is calling for an immediate ban on glyphosate in South Africa due to new evidence of harm. Glyphosate is a type of pesticide, known as a herbicide, which can harm human health.
- Staple foods like maize meal, wheat flour, bread, and baby cereal contain glyphosate, which can accumulate over the long-term.
- The contamination puts millions of South Africans, including infants, at risk of exposure.
- Health concerns include cancer, endocrine disruption, and gut microbiome damage.
- Two products exceeded legal residue limits. New international research (2025 Global Glyphosate Study) shows cancer risks even at “safe” exposure levels.







The Case for a National Glyphosate Ban: Protecting South Africa’s Food System

New laboratory evidence and global shifts drive the African Centre for Biodiversity’s demand for immediate action.


THE EVIDENCE OF RISK



CONTAMINATION FOUND IN STAPLE FOODS
SANAS-certified testing confirmed glyphosate residues in maize meal, wheat flour, bread, and baby cereal.


	Impala Special Maize Meal Glyphosate & AMPA. AMPA exceeded legal limit	
	Snowflake Wheat Flour Glyphosate. Exceeded legal limit	
	Cerelac Baby Cereal Trace Glyphosate. Unacceptable risk for infants	

THE CALL FOR A NATIONAL BAN



REGULATORY “BLIND SPOTS” EXPOSED
Legal limits (MRLs) are administrative trade tools, not safety standards designed to protect health.

GLOBAL SCIENTIFIC AND LEGAL SHIFT



SAFETY NARRATIVE vs **CANCER RISK LINKS**
International studies now link “safe” doses to cancer.

\$18 BILLION+
Global settlements exceed \$18 billion, while industry safety narratives are collapsing.

A cornerstone 2000 study defending glyphosate’s safety was recently retracted due to undisclosed conflicts.

A FIVE-STEP PATH TO A GLYPHOSATE-FREE SA

- 1. Immediate Deregistration:** Ban glyphosate-based products.
- 2. Public Advisories:** Alert parents about baby food risks.
- 3. Support Agroecological Alternatives:** Transition to safer farming.
- 4. Independent Monitoring:** Implement rigorous testing for residues.
- 5. Protect Public Health:** Prioritize safety over corporate interests.

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