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You may be wondering what's been happening to I.G. Farbensanto lately. It's been a while since we've heard from, or about, them, so it may be worthwhile to newer readers to apprise them of whom we're talking about. I.G. Farbensanto is our nickname for Big Agribusiness, and we used to call it Mon(sters)santo, until the big German chemical firm Bayer – a former component of I.G. Farben, the notorious German chemicals cartel that included not only Bayer, but BASF (also a still existing company, *Badische Anilin und Soda-Fabrik*) and some other companies – Bayer bought Monsanto (and Monsanto's legal problems) a few years ago. Accordingly, we changed our nickname for Big Agribusiness to IG Farbensanto. Our other reason for the monikers was the dubious history of Big Agribusiness and its practices regarding GMOs, which I assume most readers here are familiar with.

So now we come to the story, shared by M.W.:

<https://usrtk.org/monsanto-roundup-trial-tracker/judge-shoots-down-bayers-plan-to-limit-future-roundup-legal-liability-issues-harsh-criticism/>

Here's the story in a nutshell:

The federal judge overseeing nationwide Roundup litigation on Wednesday denied Bayer's latest attempt to limit its legal liability from future cancer claims associated with its

glyphosate-based herbicides, citing numerous “glaring flaws” in a [settlement proposed](#) to apply to Roundup users who have not yet sued the company but may want to do so in the future.

Saying parts of the plan were “clearly unreasonable” and unfair to cancer sufferers who would be part of the class settlement, U.S. Judge Vince Chhabria castigated Bayer and the small group of lawyers who put the plan together in conjunction with Bayer.

He pointed out that the company has been “losing trials left and right” in claims brought by people suffering from non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL) who alleged exposure to Monsanto’s Roundup and other glyphosate-based herbicides were the cause.

Bayer has owned Monsanto since 2018 and has been struggling to defend the cancer claims ever since. Cancer victims have won three trials held to date, and tens of thousands of other plaintiffs have filed lawsuits alleging exposure to Monsanto’s herbicides caused them to develop NHL while Monsanto spent decades hiding the risks.

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Judge Chhabria said in his decision that the company’s desire to set up a “science panel” to determine whether or not the herbicides actually cause cancer rather than leave that question to future juries is because of the trial losses the company has so far suffered.

The “reason Monsanto wants a science panel so badly is that the company has lost the ‘battle of the experts’ in three trials, the judge wrote [in his order](#). “At present, the playing field on the issue of expert testimony related to causation is slanted heavily in favor of plaintiffs.”

Gee... fancy that. A multinational corporation which was formerly a part of I.G. Farben seeks to avoid legal liability

for its products? Color me *not* surprised.

The article goes on to mention various other plans I.G. Farbensanto has for avoiding its mounting legal problems.

Here I have a suggestion for the I.G. Farbensanto board: why not take a page out of Big Pharma's playbook, and invest heavily (and covertly) in gain-of-GMO-function research? This could easily be tied to quackcine research ala the suggestion of some scientific papers a few years ago where this very thing was being proposed: GMOs doubling as quackcines. With a few donations into the right pockets, one might be able to get the National Institute of Health, the Center for Disease Control, and the World Health Organization on board. At this point, you could hire a couple of Harvard chemistry professors, and locate your research facility in – oh, I don't know, say, in Wuhan, China – and perhaps even be able to create a quackcine which is the "only" cure for a new kind of virus (that you could also support gain-of-function research into). Then you could use all of your influence on the propotainment media networks (which get lots of advertising revenue from you to begin with) to "fudge the numbers" a bit, and create a worldwide campaign of fear, while simultaneously getting your newly installed puppet in the White House to approve a slap-dash emergency GMO-quackcine approval plan (you could maybe call it Operation Warp Speed), bypassing the normal long-term trials, and, for good measure, exempting your firm from any liability for any "adverse GMO consumption reactions" because your new plants were rushed into production because the world was facing a *crisis*. On the way to achieving all this, you could also persuade your rubber glove company to support a campaign of food distancing, and wearing rubber gloves at all times, especially while dining. You could also persuade social media platforms to hire "fact checkers" in return for some carefully laundered donations, and censor any contrarian views. This way you won't have to worry about any pesky lawsuits from whatever long-term effects of your

products as might pop up in a few years.

In the meantime, one way to implement this would be to set up liaison committees with with various Big Pharma companies, to learn their techniques for avoiding legal liabilities for dubious products. While doing this, you could also donate heavily to the campaigns of Congressmen and Senators, and get special legislation passed to limit your liability, and establish "GMO courts" resembling "vaccine courts" to ensure that your liability is strictly limited.

Just a thought.

See you on the flip side...

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