

ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO  
THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON  
SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete  
THE OZONE LAYER  
Beijing, 29 November - 3 December 1999

## **QUARANTINE AND PRE-SHIPMENT**

### **Proposal by the European Community**

**(replaces draft decision 12 *bis* in UNEP/OzL.Pro.11/L.2)**

1. *To note* that, while the reliability of the survey data was noted by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to be insufficient to draw firm conclusions, the Panel's April 1999 report estimates that over 22 per cent of the methyl bromide use is excluded from control under the quarantine and pre-shipment exemption, and that this use is increasing in some countries;
2. *To note* that the Science Assessment Panel revised the ODP of methyl bromide to 0.4 in its 1998 report;
3. *To note* that, under an [Adjustment][Amendment] adopted by the Eleventh Meeting of the Parties, each Party shall provide to the Secretariat statistical data on the amount of

the controlled substance listed in Annex E used for quarantine and pre-shipment applications for the year during which provisions concerning the control of quarantine and pre-shipment applications entered into force for it and for each year thereafter;

*The Eleventh Meeting of the Parties decides:*

4. *To request* that the 2003 report of the the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel:
  - (a) Evaluate the technical and economic feasibility of alternative treatments and procedures that can replace methyl bromide for quarantine and pre-shipment;
  - (b) Estimate the volume of methyl bromide that would be replaced by the implementation of technically and economically feasible alternatives for quarantine and pre-shipment, reported by commodity and/or application;
5. *To request* the Parties to review their national plant, animal, environmental, health and stored product regulations with a view to removing the requirement for the use of methyl bromide for quarantine and pre-shipment where technically and economically feasible alternatives exist;
6. *To urge* the Parties to implement procedures (using a form shown in the Panel's April 1999 report, if necessary) to monitor the uses of methyl bromide by commodity and quantity for quarantine and pre-shipment uses in order:
  - (a) To target the efficient use of resources for undertaking research to develop and implement technically and economically feasible alternatives;
  - (b) Encourage early identification of technically and economically feasible alternatives to methyl bromide for quarantine and pre-shipment where such alternatives exist;

7. *To encourage* the use of methyl bromide recovery and recycling technology (where technically and economically feasible) to reduce emissions of methyl bromide, until alternatives to methyl bromide for quarantine and pre-shipment uses are available;

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