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Our reference:

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Dear Mr Gonzalez,

Australian report under Decision Ex.I/4 paragraphs 1 and 2.

In accordance with this decision of the Parties at the first Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties, please find enclosed with this letter a summary of Australia's currently available alternatives to methyl bromide.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Decision Ex.I/4 decided:

1. That each party which has an agreed critical use under the present decision should submit available information to the ozone Secretariat before 1 February 2005 on the alternatives available, listed according to their pre-harvest or post-harvest uses, and the possible date of registration, if required for each alternative; and on the alternatives which the Parties can disclose to be under development, listed according to their pre-harvest or post-harvest uses and the likely date of registration, if required and known, for those alternatives, and the Ozone Secretariat shall be requested to provide a template for that information and to post the said information in a database entitled 'Methyl Bromide Alternatives' on its web site;
2. That each party that submits a nomination for the production and consumption of methyl bromide for years after 2005 should also submit information listed in paragraph 1 to the Ozone Secretariat to include in its Methyl Bromide Alternatives database and that any other Party which no longer consumes methyl bromide should also submit information on alternatives to the Secretariat for inclusion in that database.

The attached report represents Australia's report for its current nominations in accordance with this Decision.

Please note that while alternatives may be registered and available in Australia, this may not necessarily mean that they are currently available, or are technically and economically feasible for use in some circumstances. Secondly, dates of registration are not able to be provided for alternatives currently under review for registration. This information is generally considered to be commercially confidential.

Should you have any questions regarding the content of the report, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick McInerney', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Patrick McInerney
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Critical Use Exemption	Alternatives available	Pre-harvest or post-harvest	Possible date of registration, if required
Rice (consumer packs)	Carbon disulphide	Post harvest	No – only registered as a vertebrate (pig) poison
	Carbon dioxide		Yes
	Ethyl formate (alone as liquid and in combination - eg <i>Vapormate</i>)		Yes – Liquid application for eradication of insect pests in packaged dry fruits only Vapormate – Cereal grains and oilseeds in sealed storage (with moisture content $\leq 12\%$) only (ie <u>loose grain</u> in sealed silos) and Grain storage premises and equipment for all life stages of various stored product pests, except the rice weevil where only the eggs, larvae and adult are specified.
	Phosphine (alone and in combination - eg <i>Eco2fume</i>)		Yes
	Heat treatment		Yes
	Inert dust / diatomaceous earth		No
	Irradiation		Yes

	Pesticides of low volatility (organophosphates, pyrethroids, insect growth regulators, botanicals) Dichlorvos Fenitrothion Pyrethrin/piperonyl butoxide (eg <i>Drift</i>)		Yes
	Sulfuryl fluoride (ProFume)		Yes but some ambiguity to be resolved as to the label coverage for packaged rice within a storage shed
	Steam treatment		-
	Vacuum treatment / hermetic storage		-
Strawberry runners	Telone C35	Pre-plant soil fumigation	Yes
	Dazomet		Yes
	Methyl iodide		No. Approved as an active constituent only with no registered products containing MI available in Australia. Evaluation trials are being conducted under permit.
	Ethanedinitrile		No. Registrant advises further registration data submitted early 2011.

	Propylene oxide		No. Approved as an active constituent only with no registered products containing MI available in Australia.
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