

**SUBMISSION FORM**

For Hazardous Substance and New Organism Applications

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<b>Submission on application number:</b>	APP202804 - EDN
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- I support the application
- I oppose the application
- I neither support or oppose the application

**The reasons for making my submission are<sup>1</sup>: (further information can be appended to your submission, see footnote).**

Wenita Forest Products Ltd., was established in 1990. We are the largest forest owner in Otago, directly employing 15 full time staff and well over 100 contractors, plus numerous service agents and suppliers. Wenita supplies logs to a range of domestic processors and export customers. Our domestic and export markets complement each other, with domestic customers generally getting first-pick of the logs. The unwanted logs are sent to port (Port Chalmers) for export to Asia. Most of our export logs are destined for China which is the largest market for NZ logs and requires the logs to be either debarked or fumigated using methyl bromide or phosphine. Wenita logs are generally loaded underdeck at Port Chalmers and the vessel then sails up the Port Tauranga to load a completion cargo on deck. The on deck cargo is fumigated with methyl bromide before loading at Port Tauranga and the underdeck cargo is generally fumigated with phosphine during the voyage to China. Although no chemical fumigation actually takes place in Port Chalmers it is an essential part of our export programme. Without methyl bromide or an alternative such as EDN Wenita could not continue to export to China and we would have to reduce our harvesting and log sales programme. This would affect Wenita's business viability and reduce the supply of logs to our domestic customers.

We are advised that EDN is a safer and more environmentally friendly alternative to methyl bromide so we strongly support this application.

**All submissions are taken into account by the decision makers. In addition, please indicate whether or not you also wish to speak at a hearing if one is held.**

- I wish to be heard in support of my submission (this means that you can speak at the hearing)
- I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission (this means that you cannot speak at the hearing)

**If neither box is ticked, it will be assumed you do not wish to appear at a hearing.**

**I wish for the EPA to make the following decision:**

To approve the application to import ethanedinitrile (EDN) into New Zealand as fumigant for use on timber/logs under commercial conditions.

<sup>1</sup> Further information can be appended to your submission, if you are sending this submission electronically and attaching a file we accept the following formats – Microsoft Word, Text, PDF, ZIP, JPEG and JPG. The file must be not more than 8Mb.