



IN THE MATTER of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 ("HSNO Act")

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Decision-Making Committee with delegated responsibility for powers and functions related to the hearing and deciding of applications under the HSNO Act

THE DECISION-MAKING John Taylor (Chair)

COMMITTEE Ngaire Phillips

Kerry Laing

DATE 31 August 2018

DIRECTIONS AND MINUTES OF THE DECISION-MAKING COMMITTEE

Regards Application APP202804; to import EDN (Ethanedinitrile), a fumigant for use on timber/logs under commercial conditions

1. Following the direction and Minute regarding the proposed site visit, made by the Decision-Making Committee (DMC) Chair at the Hearing on 21 August 2018, this Minute recording the visit is to be documented and made available on the EPA website where the application documents are made available. The DMC may make other Directions or Minutes available to the Applicant and submitters as this hearing proceeds.

2. As documented in APP202804 – Direction & Minute WGT001_21 Aug18, the Chairperson of the DMC directed that EPA staff arrange a site visit to observe a commercial fumigation operation.

3. The site visit took place on 31 August 2018 at the Port of Tauranga and was attended by:

DMC:	Dr John Taylor (Chair)
	Dr Ngaire Phillips
	Dr Kerry Laing
EPA Staff Member:	Diane Bradley (Business Manager, HSNO)
Port of Tauranga Staff Member:	Mark Whitworth (Cargo Services Manager)

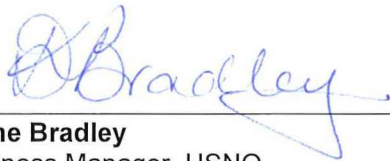
4. Prior to the site visit commencing a Health and Safety Plan was prepared and agreed to by the DMC members and EPA staff member attending.

5. The site visit commenced at 11.15am with a briefing by Mr Whitworth held at the main offices of the Port. The briefing covered the general operations of the Port of Tauranga and fumigation operations in particular. The briefing lasted 30 minutes with the opportunity for questions throughout.

6. Following the briefing, the DMC and EPA staff member were taken on a 30 minute tour of Port facilities, focussing on viewing log stacks and operations around the stacks. The tour was

conducted in the Port Security minivan by Mr Whitworth. There was no opportunity to view a fumigation process occurring as none were scheduled for the day of the visit.

7. The tour concluded at 12.15pm at the Port offices.
8. Other than Mr Whitworth, the DMC did not engage with any other parties during the site visit.



Diane Bradley
Business Manager, HSNO

4 September 2018