

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 23 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 made by the Decision-Making Committee (DMC) Chair at the opening of the Hearing on 21 August 2018, this minute 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. The DMC wish to have the opportunity to view fumigation operations in situ, taking into account that there may be operational differences between the use of methyl bromide and EDN.
3. The DMC consider that observing first-hand the size, height and variability of log stacks, aspects of fumigant distribution and containment, proximity of other operational equipment and workers, the range of distances to potentially affected parties and public spaces and other environmental influences will enable a fuller understanding and context regards this application.
4. I therefore direct:
 - (a) EPA staff arrange a site visit to observe a commercial fumigation operation at the earliest opportunity, ideally between 27 August and 31 August 2018.
 - (b) EPA staff will organise a date and location, on the basis that:
 - i. DMC members will not be accompanied by the Applicant or submitters
 - ii. an EPA staff member who is not involved in the application will attend as an observer
 - iii. a minute will be made recording the visit when it occurs, which will be made available on the EPA website

For the DMC:



Environmental
Protection Authority
Te Mana Rauhi Taiao

23 August 2018

Dr John Taylor
Chairperson

Date