

EDN Hearing

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TPT Forests background

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- Privately owned and operated New Zealand Company
 - Established 1998, Head office in Tauranga
 - All shareholders and directors are Kiwi's based in NZ
 - Exported in excess of 60M JAS to all key export markets, but primarily China, Korea, Japan and India
- One of New Zealand's largest independent log exporters
 - Of NZ total log exports (+20M JAS pa) there are a only a few that are truly NZ privately owned Companies, rest are internationally owned and or financed.
 - The NZ privately owned companies manage ~50% to the total NZ exports.
- Log and process forest products
 - Experience in both logs and lumber products, with logs the primary product exported
- Key markets: China, Japan and Korea
 - Albeit each Company has a different market mix, TPT like others and reflective of the NZ total, are heavily weighted to China at +75% (NZ inc. 90% China – ytd NZ Customs)

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- welcomes the opportunity be present at this hearing as we feel it vital that the DMC hears from industry players that are effected by the decisions and outcomes of such processes
- notes
 - There has been a significant delay since the application was first lodged and other decisions have since been made that are effecting and about to effect export further in the New Year
 - There is an extensive catalogue of evidence supporting the use of EDN and therefore we'd expect its registration and then becomes a part of our tool box to meet trade partners phytosanitary requirements

Trusts that the hearing will be closed today and DMC can conclude with a decision that is delivered quickly as the industry needs another sustainable fumigant that is part of our tool box

Evidence and decisions

TPT Forests notes

- the significant body of evidence supporting the use of EDN
- the Worksafe use requirements have been approved by the Minister
- the recommendations in the EPA staff reports are reasonable and workable
- that the Worksafe requirements and the controls recommended by the EPA Staff are aligned with the science.

Therefore we trust that based on the evidence we can see to date, the DMC will

- accept the advice of the EPA Staff report
- accept the use requirements proposed by Worksafe

What is needed

- Robust, workable controls as recommended by the EPA Staff report
- Provision to treat ship holds as an alternative to methyl bromide
 - Methyl bromide reassessment - need for a suitable alternative fumigant as part of the phytosanitary treatment tool box
 - Otherwise until other decisions made, India is no longer a NZ log market
 - There is no fall-back treatment that methyl bromide is currently used for
 - required urgently as the New Year brings new challenges
 - Can the DMC save time by delivering a conditional approval subject to Worksafe developing a safe work instrument

Thank you

