

DIRECTION & MINUTE OF THE DECISION-MAKING COMMITTEE

Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (“HSNO Act”)

Application APP203660: modified reassessment of methyl bromide

Direction & Minute WGT004 of the Decision-making Committee (DMC) – 07 January 2020

Proposed new date and attendance option for expert conferencing

1. On 20 December 2019 the DMC issued a minute and direction (WGT003) confirming the suitability of four experts nominated for expert conferencing and directed that expert conferencing should take place on 28 January 2020, with experts to attend in person in Wellington.
2. On 06 January 2020 the DMC was informed that one of the experts, Jennifer Barclay (Atmospheric Science Global Ltd), who was nominated by Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC), is not available on 28 January 2020.
3. In response to the request for nominations of experts in WGT002, experts had also indicated availability on 30 and 31st of January 2020.
4. The DMC has considered the importance of Jennifer Barclay’s involvement in expert conferencing and the impact of changing the date to allow her to participate in the process. The information made available to DMC indicated that this expert has significant qualification and experience in this area such that they would be an important expert in conferencing regarding the modelling parameters. Ensuring that expert conferencing encapsulates the key expertise from the relevant experts and stakeholders is considered highly important towards determining crucial parameters for further modelling which will be key to assessing the risks related to the changes proposed in the reassessment. The DMC considers that the nominated expert may provide significant information and experience to the process and that it is important that this expert is present.
5. The DMC considered that the delay of expert conferencing to the 30th or 31st of January 2020, providing the other experts remain available, would not significantly impact the timelines for processing the reassessment application, and that the impact of any delay would be outweighed by the additional information provided by the nominated expert.
6. The DMC therefore proposes that the date for expert conferencing, directed in WGT003, is changed to either the 30th or 31st of January 2020, and requests the experts nominated and

accepted in WGT003 to confirm availability to attend either in person or by videoconference or teleconference. The DMC will confirm any change.

Directions

7. The DMC directs the following:
 - a. The experts named in WGT003 (or the parties who nominated them) are to confirm their availability to attend conferencing on the 30th and 31st of January 2020 either in person or via videoconference or teleconference.
 - b. Confirmation of availability is to be provided to the EPA by 5pm Friday 10 January 2020.
 - c. The scope of expert conferencing, as set out at paragraph 9 of WGT002, remains unchanged. Similarly, the process for expert conferencing as outlined in direction 11 b of WGT003 remains unchanged.
8. The DMC will continue to issue Directions and Minutes as necessary to advise parties to the process of further communications or procedural matters.

For the Decision-making Committee:



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Date 7 January 2020

Chairperson