

# 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 WGT027 of the Decision-making Committee (DMC) – 3 December 2020

### Background

1. Between 11 and 17 August 2020, the hearing for the modified reassessment of methyl bromide took place, in which the DMC heard from the applicant, Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), submitters, and the associated witnesses nominated by those parties.
2. On 17 August 2020, the DMC adjourned the hearing to consider all of the evidence before it including the information provided at the hearing.
3. The DMC considered that there were aspects regarding the dispersion of methyl bromide through the air that it would like additional information on to inform its deliberations. In the Directions and Minutes WGT023 and WGT024, the DMC directed Todoroski Air Sciences (TAS) to conduct additional air dispersion modelling, and for Sullivan Environmental Consultants (SEC) and Atmospheric Sciences Global (ASG) to undertake reviews of this modelling.

### Guidance to model reviewers SEC and ASG

4. The DMC note that, in WGT024, they instructed SEC and ASG to review inaccuracies in the modelling itself. They specifically did not request a review of the selection of modelling protocol, procedure, assessment or conclusions, except where a fundamental error occurred.

### Request for feedback

5. As indicated in Direction and Minute WGT023, the DMC now asks for parties to the modified reassessment hearing to provide their feedback on the updated modelling results.
6. Parties are requested to focus their feedback on the information presented in the modelling report. There is no need to repeat evidence already provided in the 2019 written submissions or at the 2020 hearing.

## Directions

7. The DMC directs the following.
  - a. The EPA are to make the TAS modelling report, and the SEC and ASG reviews, available on its website.
  - b. All parties to the modified reassessment have 10 working days to review and comment on the TAS modelling report, that is by close of business on 17 December 2020.
8. The DMC will then consider all evidence provided at that point, and advice on the next steps in the process. This will be communicated in a further Direction and Minute.

### For the Decision-making Committee:



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**Tipene Wilson**  
Chairperson

**Date 3 December 2020**