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To whom it may concern,

I would like to lodge this submission in support for a waiver allowing the implementation date of the pending Methyl Bromide 2010 decision of “100% recapture or no use” to be extended beyond the November 2020 deadline. A waiver of those restrictions would allow NZ’s log exports to continue until a suitable replacement is in use and/or the reassessment process results in more manageable and realistic controls.

Forestry log exports are directly and indirectly responsible for thousands of jobs nationwide from forest harvesting through to Port operations such as stevedoring and all the business that service those activities. The sudden withdrawal of Methyl Bromide would completely remove India as a trading partner and increase operating costs into other markets such as China. This could see a reduction in harvesting volumes and therefore the jobs associated to them. All this in an era where retaining jobs is more critical than ever.

Pacific Forest Products therefore strongly support a waiver to the November 2020 deadline until an acceptable solution has been found.

Thanks and Regards

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