

**Methyl Bromide
Critical Use Exemption
Process for
2003 Applicants**

Exemptions formally
allocated mid to late 2004.



U.S. government reviews
CUE applications Fall, 2003.



Phaseout January 1, 2005.

www.epa.gov/ozone/mbr/mbrqa.html

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Phaseout of Methyl Bromide

Application Deadlines
for
Critical Use
Exemptions



It's Not Too Late to Apply!

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Facts About Methyl Bromide Use in the United States

- ◆ Methyl Bromide contributes to the destruction of the Earth's stratospheric ozone layer.
- ◆ EPA regulates only the *production and import* of ozone-depleting substances.
- ◆ The international treaty - the Montreal Protocol - requires the U.S. to control the production and trade of methyl bromide.
- ◆ Amounts of methyl bromide produced and imported are being reduced incrementally until the phaseout date of January 1, 2005.
- ◆ Quarantine and preshipment methyl bromide uses are exempt from the phaseout as of July 19, 2001.
- ◆ Sale and use of *existing* methyl bromide stocks will still be legal after the phaseout date.

Methyl Bromide Use in the United States after January 1, 2005

- ◆ EPA and USDA are working to ensure that methyl bromide can be produced or imported for *critical uses* until alternatives are available.
- ◆ The *Critical Use Exemption* (CUE) will allow for the production and import of methyl bromide for *qualifying uses* after January 1, 2005.
- ◆ A methyl bromide use qualifies as critical only if there is no technically and economically feasible alternative available.
- ◆ EPA created a CUE application and is working with USDA and other federal, state, and local agencies to develop the CUE process.
- ◆ EPA and USDA will evaluate completed CUE applications and coordinate with other agencies to develop the national nomination for review by Parties to the Montreal Protocol in January, 2003.

Methyl Bromide Users Need to Know that:

- ◆ The initial deadline for submitting CUE applications is September 9, 2002.
- ◆ Applicants who miss the deadline have another opportunity to apply for a 2005 CUE in mid-2003.
- ◆ *2002 CUE applicants* will be notified informally of Protocol decisions late-2003.
- ◆ *2003 CUE applicants* will not be notified until the last few months of 2004, right before the 2005 phaseout date.
- ◆ CUE applications are available on EPA's website at www.epa.gov/ozone/mbr/mbrqa.html or www.epa.gov/pesticides (under "Consumer Alerts").
- ◆ For help filling out the application, contact EPA at (800) 296-1996 or visit EPA's websites for additional EPA outreach contacts.