

**Report on the Administration of Quantities Granted Under Canada's
Critical Use Exemption Process
(Decision XII/9 paragraph 5 & Decision XVII/13 paragraph 6)**

Permitting System

Import permits are issued pursuant to the *Ozone-depleting Substances Regulations, 1998* and only to those companies that successfully participated in the critical use exemption process or to companies that may import on their behalf. Permits to use methyl bromide at a facility participating in the critical use exemption process are also issued. When applying for a permit, companies must demonstrate that the circumstances described in the critical use nomination have not changed. The permits are issued annually and are valid for one calendar year.

Environment Canada has the prerogative to restrict the amounts granted by the Parties should the circumstance of the nomination change (e.g. the registration of a new alternative).

Reporting

The *Ozone-depleting Substances Regulations, 1998* requires companies that import methyl bromide to submit annual reports to Environment Canada. The Regulations have been amended to require any company that is involved with methyl bromide to submit such reports as well. For uses of methyl bromide, Environment Canada has requested that the annual report is submitted by December 15. This will enable Environment Canada to issue import permits for the subsequent year for the quantity approved under the critical use exemption.