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the Montreal Protocol on Substances that  
Deplete the Ozone Layer

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Item 4 (b)(ii) of the agenda for the preparatory segment

Issues related to exemptions from Articles 2A–2I of the Montreal   
Protocol: nominations for critical-use exemptions for 2015 and 2016

Decision XXVI/...: Critical-use exemptions for methyl bromide for 2015 and 2016

Submission by Australia, Canada, United States of America, Argentina, China and Mexico

The Twenty Sixth Meeting of the Parties decides:

*Noting with appreciation* the work of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and its Methyl Bromide Technical Options Committee,

*Recognizing* the significant reductions made in critical-use nominations for methyl bromide in many parties,

*Recalling* paragraph 10 of decision XVII/9,

*Recalling also* that all parties that have nominated critical-use exemptions are to report data on stocks using the accounting framework agreed to by the Sixteenth Meeting of the Parties,

*Recognizing* that the production and consumption of methyl bromide for critical uses should be permitted only if methyl bromide is not available in sufficient quantity and quality from existing stocks of banked or recycled methyl bromide,

*Recognizing also* that parties operating under critical-use exemptions should take into account the extent to which methyl bromide is available in sufficient quantity and quality from existing stocks of banked or recycled methyl bromide in licensing, permitting or authorizing the production and consumption of methyl bromide for critical uses*,*

1. To permit, for the agreed critical-use categories for 2015 and 2016 set forth in table A of the annex to the present decision for each party, subject to the conditions set forth in the present decision and in decision Ex.I/4 to the extent that those conditions are applicable, the levels of production and consumption for 2015 and 2016 set forth in table B of the annex to the present decision, which are necessary to satisfy critical uses, with the understanding that additional levels of production and consumption and categories of use may be approved by the Meeting of the Parties in accordance with decision IX/6;

2. That parties shall endeavour to license, permit, authorize or allocate quantities of methyl bromide for critical uses as listed in table A of the annex to the present decision;

3. That each party that has an agreed critical-use exemption shall renew its commitment to ensuring that the criteria in paragraph 1 of decision IX/6, in particular the criterion laid down in paragraph 1 (b) (ii) of decision IX/6, are applied in licensing, permitting or authorizing critical uses of methyl bromide, with each party requested to report on the implementation of the present provision to the Ozone Secretariat by 1 February for the years to which the present decision applies.

Annex

Table A

**Agreed critical-use categories**

(Metric tonnes)

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| **2016** |  |
| Australia | Strawberry runners 29.760 |
| Canada | Strawberry runners (Prince Edward Island) 5.261 |
| United States of America | Strawberry field 231.54, cured pork 3.24 |
| **2015** |  |
| Argentina | Strawberry fruit [100], green pepper/tomato [145] |
| China | Ginger protected 24.0, ginger open field 90.0. |
| Mexico | Strawberry nursery 43.539 , raspberry nursery 41.418 |

Table B

**Permitted levels of production and consumption**

(Metric tonnes)

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| **2016** |  |
| Australia | 29.760 |
| Canada | 5.261 |
| United States of America | 234.78 |
| **2015** |  |
| Argentina | [245] |
| China | 114.0 |
| Mexico | 84.957 |

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