

# **Methyl Bromide Technical Options Committee (MBTOC) 2024 CUN Final Report**

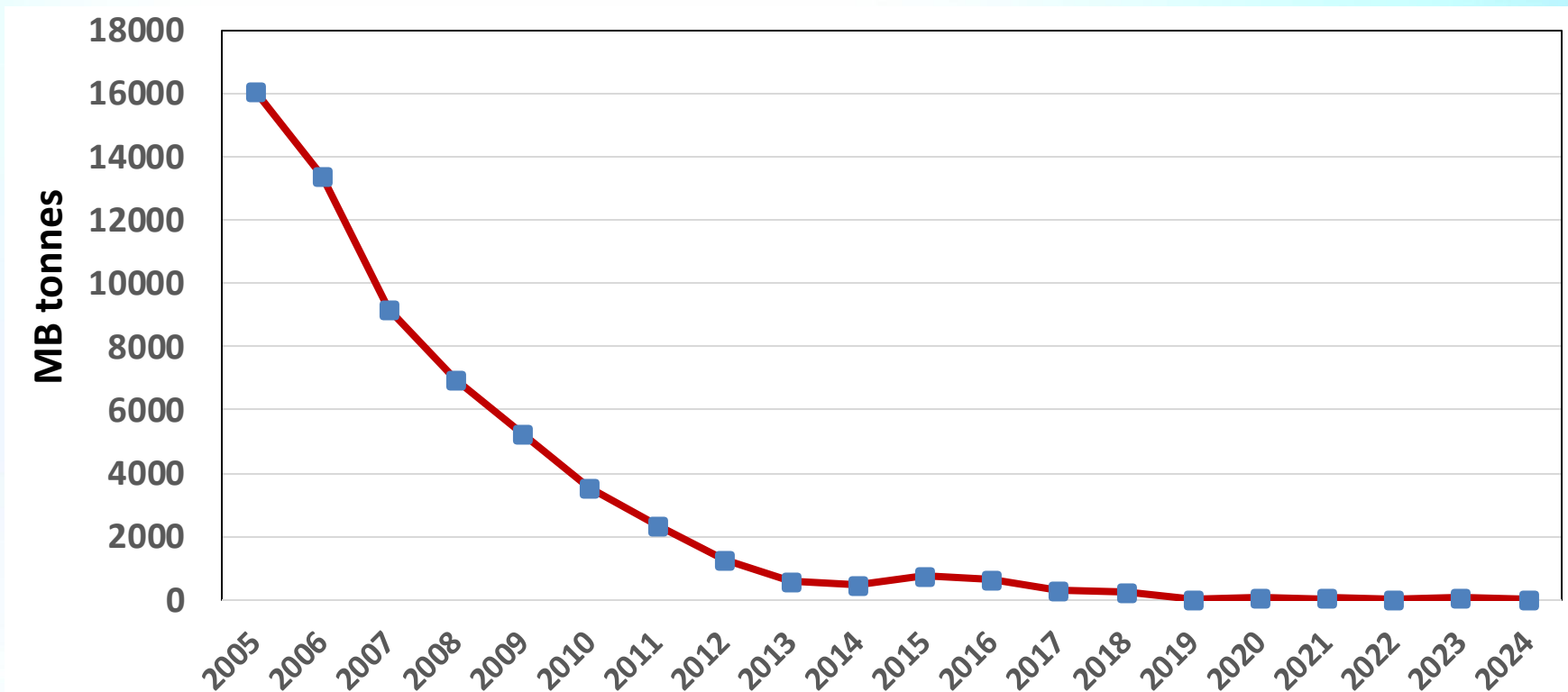
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# CUN submitted in 2024

- MBTOC received only one application for critical use for 2.85 t of MB for preplant soil fumigation in 2025 at a strawberry nursery at Prince Edward Island, Canada.
- This compared to 141 applications for over 16,000 t in 2005, this year appears to be the last year for applications of CUEs for MB.



# Final CUE Recommendation for MB use (tonnes) for Canadian Strawberry Nurseries (runners) in 2025

| Sector             | CUN for 2025 t | Final Recommendation for CUE 2025 t |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Strawberry runners | 2.85           | [2.85]                              |

MBTOC recommended the full amount submitted as:

- The 2.85 t CUN amount represented a 26% reduction from the approved amount at 35<sup>th</sup> MOP.
- The party indicated a reduction plan to potentially phase out completely by 2026.
- The party stated that much of the nominated reduction will result from fumigating with less MB on a smaller total acreage for all stages of production, while the grower continues work to optimize indoor operations and rapidly increase their capacity for indoor soilless production.



# Reporting of Stocks (Dec XVI/6, para1)

| Country | MB stocks (t) reported at end of 2023 |
|---------|---------------------------------------|
| Canada  | 0                                     |

- Canada reported no stocks at the end of 2023.
- The Decision only requires a party seeking a CUN to report stocks and there is no mechanism under the Montreal Protocol to report on other stocks held by parties.
- CUE recommendations are not adjusted by MBTOC to account for stocks.

# Significant moment for the Montreal Protocol

## Non QPS MB vs QPS MB (tonnes)

- The reduction of over 62,000 t of methyl bromide over the last two decades for controlled uses has been a huge achievement for the Montreal Protocol.
- However, between 8,000 to 10,500 t/yr of MB are still used for QPS uses globally.

