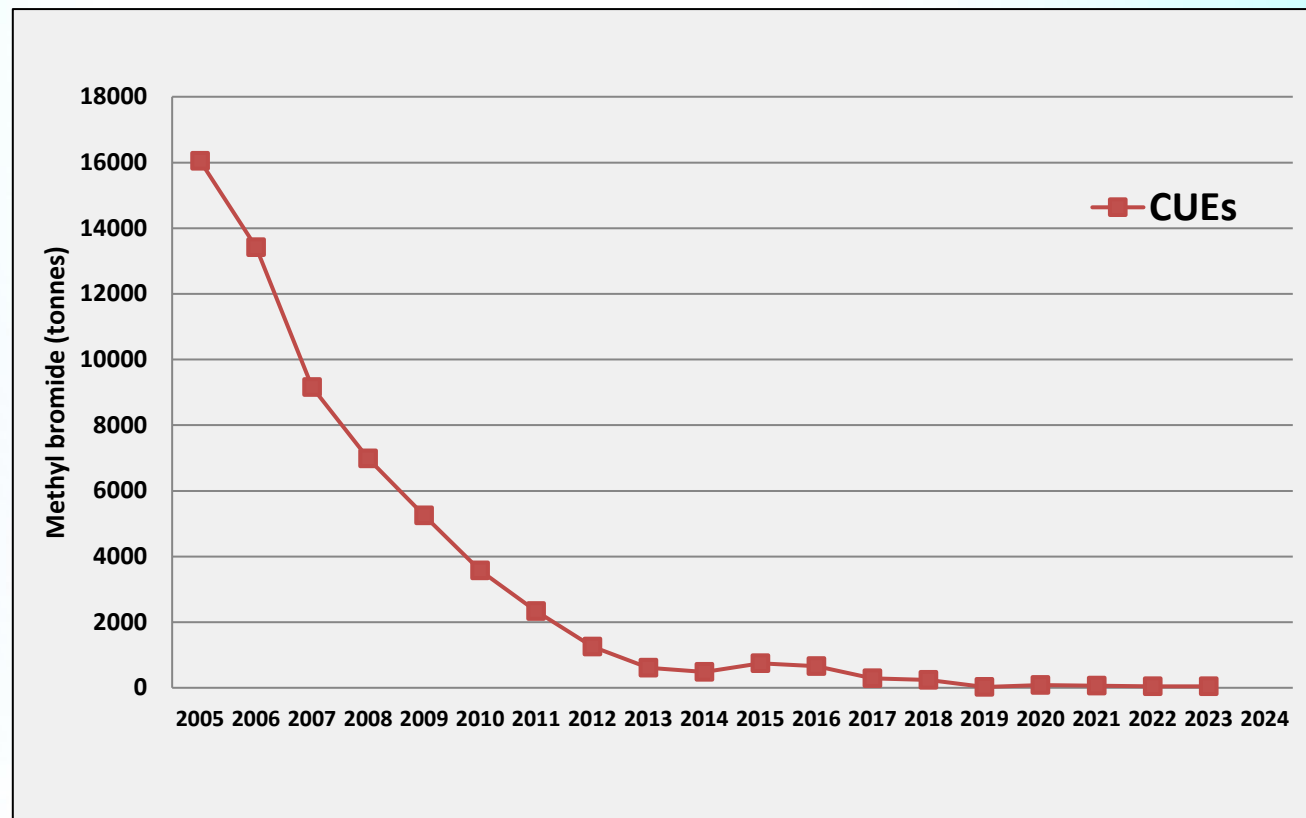


2023 Evaluation of Critical Use Nominations for Methyl Bromide and Related Issues Final Report

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CUN submitted in 2023

- MBTOC received one application for critical use for 3.857 t of MB for preplant soil fumigation at a strawberry nursery at Prince Edward Island, Canada in 2024.
- This compared to 141 applications for over 18,600 t in 2005.



Final CUE Recommendation for MB use (tonnes) for Canadian Strawberry Nurseries (Runners) in 2024

Sector	CUN for 2024	Final Recommendation (tonnes) for 2024
Strawberry runners	3.857	[3.857]

- No change to the interim recommendation reported to the OEWG
- The nominated amount represented a 17% reduction from the approved amount at 34th MOP.
- The party stated that much of the nominated reduction will result from fumigating a smaller total acreage across all stages of production, while the grower continues work to rapidly increase their capacity for indoor soilless production.
- Also, the party indicated its intent to nominate approximately 2.85 tonnes for 2025 and not to submit a nomination for 2026.



Reporting of Stocks (Dec XVI/6, para1)

Country	MB stocks (t) reported at end of 2022
Canada	0

- CUE recommendations are not adjusted by MBTOC to account for stocks
- The Decision only requires a party seeking a CUN to report stocks
- There is no mechanism under the Montreal Protocol to report on other stocks held by parties

Israel Emergency Use Application for 2023

- On 29 May 2023 Israel notified the Ozone Secretariat that 2 kg of MB (i.e. small container amounts) had been used for controlling furniture beetles (*Anobium punctatum*) infesting valuable furniture and antiques.
- This use was classified as an emergency use as per Decision IX/7. A similar emergency use was reported previously by Israel (2018)
- Although alternatives like phosphine and sulfuryl fluoride can control this pest in other commodities they are not suitable or not registered for this specific use.
- MBTOC is aware of relevant research conducted in Israel with inert gases (e.g. nitrogen, CO₂) which provide the required control under the circumstances of this use.

MBTOC Work Plan for CUN submission in 2024

Tasks and Actions	Completion Date
Parties submit nominations to the Secretariat	24 January 2024
Nominations pre assessed by MBTOC	7-21 February 2024
Nominating Party response to MBTOC	28 February 2024
MBTOC Assessment Meeting	March 2024
TEAP Review	April, 2024
Interim report posted on Secretariat website	May 2024
OEWG (bilateral discussions)	July 2024
Parties resubmit nominations if necessary	August 2024
MBTOC final report posted	September 2024
36th Meeting of the Parties	November 2024