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Issues for discussion by and information for the attention of the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Parties

Note by the secretariat

Addendum

I. Introduction

1. Section II of the present addendum summarizes work related to the forthcoming Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer that has been completed since the finalization of the drafting of the note by the Secretariat (UNEP/OzL.Pro.24/2). It also includes an update on additional work by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP) on parties' essential-use and critical-use nominations, the revision of the *Handbook on Critical Use Nominations for Methyl Bromide* and intersessional work carried out by the TEAP Task Force on decision XXIII/10.
2. Section III contains additional information on matters that the Secretariat would like to bring to the attention of the parties, including issues relating to the monitoring of the ozone layer and changes in the staff of the Ozone Secretariat and the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol.

II. Overview of items on the provisional agenda for the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

A. Nominations for essential-use exemptions for 2013 (item 4 (a) of the provisional agenda for the preparatory segment)

3. During the thirty-second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, representatives of China and the attending co-chairs of the TEAP Medical Technical Options Committee held bilateral discussions on the essential-use nomination of China for chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) for metered-dose inhalers for 2013. Subsequently, China submitted additional information specifically related to metered-dose inhalers that include traditional Chinese medicines as active ingredients. The Panel reviewed the information, but it remained unable to recommend 9 tonnes of CFCs for traditional Chinese medicines. Instead, it proposed that China might consider allocating CFCs from within its authorized amount. The recommendation for essential-use exemptions for China therefore remains the same as the interim recommendation presented at the thirty-second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group. There were no other requests for reassessment from the nominating parties.

4. Detailed information on the re-evaluation is contained in the document entitled “Essential use nominations for MDIs: additional information for China essential use nomination 2013”, dated October 2012, which is available from the Ozone Secretariat website at conf.montreal-protocol.org/meeting/mop/mop-24/presession/Background%20Documents/teap-2012-progress-report-volume1-addendum.pdf.

5. A summary of the Panel’s final recommendations on all essential-use nominations can be found in table 1.

Table 1

Parties’ requests for essential-use exemptions and the TEAP final recommendations

(Metric tonnes)

<i>Party</i>	<i>Approved for 2012</i>	<i>Nominated for 2013</i>	<i>Final recommendation</i>
Parties not operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Montreal Protocol			
Russian Federation: metered-dose inhalers	212	250	212
Russian Federation: aerospace	100	95	95
Subtotal: parties not operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5	312	345	307
Parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Montreal Protocol			
China: metered-dose inhalers	532.04	446.52	386.82
Subtotal: parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5	532.04	446.52	386.82
Total	844.04	791.52	693.82

6. In March 2012, the Secretariat received an additional nomination for essential-use exemption for 130 tonnes of CFC-12 from the Russian Federation for the operation of marine cooling and refrigeration equipment on 23 ships and vessels of its naval fleet for 2013. The nomination is currently undergoing a review by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and bilateral discussions are taking place between the Panel and the Russian Federation to clarify issues. The final recommendation of the Panel and its report on the evaluation will be made available for consideration by the parties as soon as they are finalized.

B. Nominations for critical-use exemptions for 2014 (item 4 (b) of the provisional agenda for the preparatory segment)

7. During the thirty-second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, the Methyl Bromide Technical Options Committee presented its initial recommendations on the nominations for critical-use exemptions that it had received in 2012. In the margins of the meeting, the Committee met the nominating parties bilaterally to exchange views and further information. All three nominating parties highlighted issues related to the interim recommendations and subsequently submitted further information and requests for reassessment. Detailed information on the nominations and their evaluation by the Committee can be found in the Panel’s final report, entitled “Evaluation of 2012 critical-use nominations for methyl bromide and related matters”, available at conf.montreal-protocol.org/meeting/mop/mop-24/presession/Background%20Documents/teap-CUN-report-october2012.pdf (see pp. 20-36 for the soils-related nominations and pp. 37-59 for the nominations related to commodities and structures).

8. In summary, in the final assessment the Australian and Canadian nominations were unchanged from the interim recommendation, but the strawberry fruit nomination of the United States of America was increased by 45.9 tonnes owing to the recognition that the withdrawal of methyl iodide from the market would have an impact on the nomination for 2014. The recommended amount for the United States commodities nomination was also increased by 0.253 tonnes. The Committee did not, however, reach a consensus on the recommendation for the strawberry fruit nomination. The minority report is contained in annex II of the Committee’s final report (pp. 65-73). Regarding the nomination

of the United States for cured pork, the necessary additional information was received from the United States, and the Committee recommended 2.466 tonnes for exemption. Table 2 summarizes the final recommendations of the Panel.

9. The parties may wish to consider the new information provided by the Panel and its Committee in considering the exemptions for critical uses of methyl bromide, including in the preparation of a draft decision and its subsequent adoption.

10. In accordance with decision XVI/4, pages 60 and 61 of the Panel's final report on critical-use nominations include the Committee's proposed 2013 workplan and budget. No changes to the Panel's standard presumptions are proposed.

Table 2

Summary of the final recommendations of the Methyl Bromide Technical Options Committee for critical-use exemptions for methyl bromide submitted in 2012 for 2014

(Metric tonnes)

<i>Nominating party and sector</i>	<i>Nomination</i>	<i>Interim recommendation</i>	<i>Final recommendation</i>
1. Australia			
Strawberry runners	29.760	[26.784]	[26.784]
Packaged rice	1.187	[1.187]	1.187
2. Canada			
Strawberry runners	5.261	[5.050]	[5.050]
Mills	5.044	[5.044]	[5.044]
3. United States of America			
Strawberry fruit	415.067	[343.740]	[389.640]
Commodities	0.740	[0.487]	[0.740]
Mills/food processing structures	22.800	[22.800]	[22.800]
Cured pork	3.730	[unable to assess]	[2.466]
Total	483.589	[405.092]	[453.711]

11. At the thirty-second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, the Methyl Bromide Technical Options Committee proposed that, if so advised by the parties, it would revise the *Handbook for Critical Use Nominations of Methyl Bromide* for consideration by the parties at the Twenty-Fourth Meeting so as to enable parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 to submit critical-use nominations in January 2013, if necessary. Bearing in mind the general request of parties at the Open-ended Working Group, the Committee revised the handbook, taking into account the possible submission of critical use nominations by parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5. The revised handbook, "Draft version 7", is available from the Ozone Secretariat website at conf.montreal-protocol.org/meeting/mop/mop-24/pre-session/Background%20Documents/Handbook%20CUN-version7-October2012.pdf. Explanations for the changes made therein is contained in a note by the Committee, which is also posted on the website, at conf.montreal-protocol.org/meeting/mop/mop-24/pre-session/Background%20Documents/Note_by_MBTOC_on_draft_v7_CUN_hdbk.pdf.

12. The parties may wish to consider the changes proposed by the Committee and the possible adoption of "Draft version 7" of the handbook, as appropriate.

C. Procedural issues related to the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and its subsidiary bodies (item 6 of the provisional agenda for the preparatory segment)

13. At the thirty-second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, the Task Force of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel that was established to work on decision XXIII/10 presented its results. Subsequently, a draft decision was introduced by the United States on TEAP procedural and organizational issues. The proposal was subsequently considered and amended by a contact group, and the Open-ended Working Group agreed to forward it to the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Parties for further consideration (see UNEP/OzL.Pro.24/8, draft decision XXIV/[F]). The Open-ended Working Group also agreed to request that the Panel to undertake some further work on

harmonizing the matrix of existing and needed expertise in the technical options committees; consider the reorganization of the committees, including their future size and needs; set out the existing operating procedures of the committees; and evaluate the configuration and functions of a conflict-resolution body for further consideration by the Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.

14. The result of the intersessional work carried out by the Panel is set out in the addendum to the decision XXIII/10 Task Force report, volume 3 of the May 2012 report of the Panel, available at <http://conf.montreal-protocol.org/meeting/mop/mop-24/presession/Background%20Documents/teap-decXXIII-10-TF-report-addendum-october2012.pdf>. The Task Force was able to work on the following tasks:

- (a) Revising and harmonizing the matrices of current and needed expertise in the technical options committees;
- (b) Gathering additional information on and clarifying the proposal for a conflict-resolution body.

15. The Task Force concluded that the task of making recommendations on the reorganization of the technical options committees was complex, requiring in-depth discussion by the Panel and within each of the committees. Owing to time constraints, the Panel did not complete that particular task but suggested that it should continue working on the reorganization plans and the provision of information on procedures used by the committees as a priority focus for the Panel in 2013. It also requested the support and guidance of parties in that work.

III. Matters that the Secretariat would like to bring to the attention of the parties

A. Ground-based observations and their role in providing information to the parties to the Montreal Protocol

16. Over the past few years, the Scientific Assessment Panel has been informed of serious problems related to the operation of various ozone measurement stations around the world. Several key countries have been scaling back their observations and analyses. The degradation of many observational data sets is creating difficulties for the scientific community, which requires such data sets for research on atmospheric changes.

17. The co-chairs of the Scientific Assessment Panel have written to the Ozone Secretariat to bring this important issue to the attention of the parties to the Montreal Protocol and the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. They are concerned that if the situation persists, it will greatly impair the ability of the Panel to provide accurate information to the parties through its assessments over the coming years. A document has been prepared by the co-chairs describing how ground-based observational data has played a key role in the past and is needed now and in the future to facilitate clear answers to the questions asked of the scientific community by the parties to the Montreal Protocol. The document has been issued as an information document for the attention of the parties (UNEP/OzL.Pro.24/INF/5).

B. Changes in the staffing of the Ozone Secretariat and the Multilateral Fund

18. The Deputy Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat, Mr. Paul Horwitz, has resigned from his position, and Ms. Megumi Seki has been selected to fill the post on an interim basis. The position is expected to be advertised for a regular appointment in early 2013. The Senior Administrative Officer of the Ozone Secretariat, Ms. Ruth Batten, is due to retire at the end of 2012. Possibilities are being explored for keeping Ms. Batten on board into 2013 to ensure a smooth transition, given that a new incumbent has yet to be selected. With regard to the position of Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat, the parties, under decision XXII/21, requested an extension of Mr. Marco Gonzalez's tenure until 2015. As a result of that request, the United Nations extended his contract to the end of October 2013. Furthermore, Ms. Maria Nolan, the Chief Officer of the Multilateral Fund, is due to retire at the end of September 2013. The heads of the ozone programmes of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the United Nations Development Programme are also retiring in 2013, and the recruitment process for the head of the Ozone Action Programme of the United Nations Environment Programme is ongoing. In the light of those changes and taking into consideration the evolving needs of the ozone protection regime, the parties may wish to consider appropriate actions to ensure minimal disruption and continued success.

19. The Secretariat would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Paul Horwitz for his outstanding contributions to the work of the Secretariat. His dedication, loyalty, experience and knowledge have been a great asset to the Secretariat, and he is sorely missed.

C. Events associated with the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Parties

20. Several side events are scheduled during lunch breaks and after the afternoon sessions. The list of the planned events is now available on the Ozone Secretariat website under the conference portal.
