



25 March 2014

(14-1854)

Page: 1/1

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

**ENCOURAGEMENT TO ELIMINATE THE USE OF
NON-ECOFRIENDLY METHYL BROMIDE
IN PHYTOSANITARY TREATMENTS**

COMMUNICATION FROM BRAZIL

The following communication, received on 24 March 2014, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Brazil.

1. Brazil strongly supports Indonesia's initiative – circulated in document G/SPS/GEN/1271 (dated 4 October 2013) and presented during the 58th Session of the SPS Committee – to encourage WTO Members to replace or reduce the use of methyl bromide as a phytosanitary measure, in line with the 2008 recommendation of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).

2. As an active member of the IPPC, Brazil is highly committed to the implementation of their recommendations, and thus the use of methyl bromide is restricted to the phytosanitary import requirements for a very limited number of commodities, in situations where equivalent substitutes are not available.

3. Brazil does not agree with the assertion in paragraph 6 of Indonesia's submission that the country requires the "use of methyl bromide at the dose of 80gr/m³ for a number of agricultural products from Indonesia...". Brazil wishes to clarify that no phytosanitary requirements for the import of any agricultural product from Indonesia have been established requiring fumigation at methyl bromide doses higher than 64 gr/m³.

4. Furthermore, Brazil informs that its National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) is considering the possibility of reviewing the use of methyl bromide as a phytosanitary requirement in the bilateral trade with Indonesia, in favour of an equally effective replacement.
