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New Zealand Manufacturers and Exporters Association
PO Box 13152
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Department of Labour
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Att: John Walley

Dear John,

Consultation meeting - proposed changes to Workplace Exposure Standards for Methyl Bromide

Prior to the publication of the fourth edition of the New Zealand Workplace Exposure Standards (WES), stakeholder consultation was sought on proposed changes for some substances. Some of the WES require revision in order to bring them more into line with current international best practice, notably, USA and the United Kingdom. As New Zealand does not have prevalent epidemiological studies of the working population, New Zealand's standards reflect international experience.

The proposed change to the Methyl Bromide standard is given below.

Substance	Current WES	Proposed change
Methyl bromide	5 ppm (8 hour TWA)	1 ppm (8 hour TWA)

The technical committee has reviewed the feedback received so far for Methyl Bromide WES, and is of the opinion that further consultation is required.

The Department of Labour invites you to attend a meeting on **Friday 23rd October 2009** to discuss submissions received on the proposed changes to the WES for methyl bromide and to produce an agreed timetable for the drafting of this exposure standard. The Department of Labour's perspectives on the proposed changes will also be discussed.

The meeting is to be held at the **Sonja Davies Room, level 3 Greenock House, 39 the Terrace, Wellington at 10am**. Please RSVP your attendance by Friday, 28 August to:

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Yours sincerely

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