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Quarantine and Preshipment Exemption

Great Lakes can produce methyl bromide, exempt from production controls, for Quarantine and Preshipment (QPS) treatments as long as those purchases are certified and documented as QPS. To qualify for QPS, a requirement or regulation must be in place that requires the treatment to meet the following definitions:

Quarantine Uses are defined as:

“ . . . treatments to prevent the introduction, establishment and/or spread of quarantine pests (including diseases), or to ensure their official control, where: (i) Official control is that performed by, or authorized by, a national plant, animal or environmental protection or health authority; (ii) quarantine pests are pests of potential importance to the areas endangered thereby and not yet present there, or present but not widely distributed and being officially controlled.”

Quarantine use doesn't have to be for a specific pest, but can also be for a “broad performance-based quarantine requirement.” Quarantine uses required by intra-state and intra-county regulations will be exempt. Fumigation of soil for growing propagative material may also qualify for an exemption. However, quarantine exemptions will **not** apply to non-quarantine export applications, even if the US exporter must obtain a phytosanitary certificate for the export of the commodity. To qualify for an exemption, these applications must meet the definition of preshipment use.

Preshipment Uses are defined as:

“ . . . those non-quarantine applications [applied] within 21 days prior to export to meet the official requirements of the importing country or existing official requirements of the exporting country. Official requirements are those which are performed by, or authorized by, a national plant, animal, environmental, health or stored product authority.”

Applications to meet food sanitation requirements of the US or importing country are exempt as long as these applications are performed within 21 days prior to export. Food sanitation applications not performed in conjunction with export are **not** exempt. To qualify for preshipment exemptions, there must be US or importing country regulations in place that require preshipment treatments. The exemption for preshipment applications is limited to the movement of goods from the U.S. to another country, and does not include movement of goods within the U.S.

If a commodity owner requires cargo to be treated with methyl bromide prior to shipment or entry into their country/state, but there is no regulation/requirement by the country/state or official authority, then the treatment **does not** qualify for QPS. Applicators and commodity owners must maintain records to document the official requirement/regulation that justifies and clearly identifies the use of exempt methyl bromide. Great Lakes wants to help you take advantage of all allowed QPS exemptions. So, if you have questions please contact us.

Remember Great Lakes is only allowed to produce methyl bromide for QPS treatments if there is proper certification and documentation of those uses. If you think you are performing QPS applications and you are not documenting those treatments, ask your Meth-O-Gas® supplier about certification forms.

ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW LABEL DIRECTIONS



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