

Ref: 2014 Methyl Bromide and Alternatives Conference

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Dear Mr Ang Tan Loong,

Invitation to present at the Biosecurity Treatments - Methyl Bromide and Alternatives Conference.

As you are aware the Indonesian Agricultural Quarantine Agency and the Australian Government Department of Agriculture are holding a conference on Biosecurity Treatments – Methyl Bromide and Alternatives, in Surabaya, Indonesia beginning on 19 May 2014.

The conference intends to showcase the latest in alternative biosecurity treatments for use along the manufacturing supply chain and/or import pathway as well as improved techniques in the responsible handling, use, monitoring and recapture of methyl bromide.

It is my great pleasure to invite you as President of the Federation of South East Asia Fumigators (FOSEAF) to deliver a presentation at this important biosecurity event, on your thoughts of the Department of Agriculture Methyl Bromide Fumigation Standard and the Australian Fumigation Accreditation Scheme (AFAS).

The conference presentation should focus on what the industry's experience has been with the standard and AFAS. In particular we would like you discuss:

Presentation Key Points

The presentation's broad subject will be AFAS – through the years, from implementation to now.

- How participants in AFAS, from the federation, have adopted and adapted to the standard and AFAS.
 - Key impacts on standards of fumigation and complying with the methyl bromide fumigation standard and AFAS.
 - What can be improved?
- From the federation's perspective, can their members adopt and adapt to alternative biosecurity treatments?
 - Restricted use of fumigants / treatments by in country government agencies.
 (Is there the potential for some governments to rule out (potential) alternative biosecurity treatments?)

 Are federation members willing to lobby for the uptake of consistent fumigation / treatment standards by all federation member countries (those not involved with AFAS)?

Presentations should be approximately 15-20 minutes in length and will be followed by an open forum to discuss aspects of the presentation.

Presentation facilities will include a lectern, a projector and a laptop suitable for use with a USB.

It would be appreciated if you could provide a response as to whether or not you are interested in presenting at the conference by 17April 2014 to help finalise the conference agenda.

I look forward to your response and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly by phone on +61 2 6272 3934 or email dayid.t.cox@daff.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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