The Australian Fumigation Accreditation Scheme and methyl bromide – ten years on

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AFAS & India: Issues

• 10 years!
• Not a smooth journey
• Various learnings on the way
• Industry Issues
  – Operational
  – Regulatory
  – Infrastructure
  – Willingness
AFAS & India: Solutions

• Training & Awareness
• Master Trainers : 08 ( 04 + 04 )
• Capacity building
  – Together, both, Industry and Government
  – 03 Institutes :
    • Central India : NIPHM,
    • Southern India: CFTRI &
    • North India: IGMRI
  – Involvement of Industry in Institute courses via demo and lectures + operational guidance
AFAS & India : Continued Awareness

• Once a Year Refresher Training Mandatory for assessment
• Involvement of regulatory authority
• 03 days
• Classroom : Revision of basics + updates in DAFF Methyl bromide standards
• Demonstration: Skills, Container & Stack
  – Container : Sheeted and Un sheeted
• Assessment: Calculations, Pre & Post
• Certificate of Participation by : 03 Master Trainers
Un Sheeted container
Sealing
Sealing
Sealing
Placement of Equipment
Overview
Un sheeted : reading

39.2 m³/h
Class room
What we look for

1. Uniformity in audit required
2. Harmonisation of standard
3. Need to know on what basis agencies are selected for audits
4. Documentary proof of con reading – software is a problem
5. Requirement vary
6. Gassing pipe outlet – sealing type objected, end result matters
7. Slow process for reinstatement
8. Need to give chance to explain, say his view on paper and submit proof, if any
9. Certificate alteration by exporters? Clearing agents, fumigator pays for the consequences
10. Before packing / after packing – circular to exporters. Education
11. Suggest that keep track of fum certificates issued and base JSR audits on companies who issue most number of certificates / volume of the work / number of containers fumigated
12. Auditors ask for photograph as a proof of concentration reading – we feel this is not fair, if done, should be applicable for all countries and if required, incorporate in the standard.

13. Look forward to one standard – all countries – quality operations

We should be getting to this aim in 2 years.
Thank you