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FUMIGATION - SOUTH AFRICAN TRENDS AND REQUIREMENTS

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ABSTRACT

South Africa has become the export hub of the world, due to South Africa's central position on the globe and the major shipping routes which pass the tip of Africa, and with the relatively cheap labour costs.

South Africa manufactures products for the rest of the industrialised world, e.g. car parts, wooden artefacts, make-up, leather accessories, food and many more. South Africa is still classed as a developing nation and therefore can use Methyl Bromide until around 2015. At present the South African Government only allows the use of two fumigants: Methyl Bromide and Phosphine. Methyl Bromide is very widely used in the Pest Control industry as well as the agricultural sector.

South Africa and the importing countries face some serious challenges in the future with regard to fumigation.