THE TERMITE IN HUNGARY

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Abstract At present actual presence of termite is not confirmed. Currently, for export shipments to more and more overseas and EU countries you can use only woodenware (wooden pallet, box, barrel, etc.) that underwent the so-called quarantine and preventive treatments. According to ISPM 15 regulation, application parameters of methyl-bromide apply starting from +10°C. This should be modified or phased out. One of the possibilities for phase out would be heat treatment, while the other would be the application of hydrogen cyanide. As per the information of the producer, the relevant experiments with Uragan D2 are satisfactory and successful: no harm to the ozone layer.

A considerable change of weather has recently started in Hungary. In case this tendency (continued and prolonged daily and monthly warm weather) will increase, the termite could actually appear in Hungary. Hydrogen cyanide was previously used in Hungary against bedbugs and stored product pests and proved to be very effective. Current resistance problems of some pests to existing insecticides (deltamethrin, organophosphates, chlorpyrifos) and to those applicable after phase out can be solved once widespread registration of Uragan D2 is completed.