Corrigendum to the TEAP April 1997 Report Concerning Methyl Bromide

After publication of the April 1997 TEAP Report, additional communication occurred concerning investigations and investment in alternatives and substitutes to methyl bromide used in strawberry production. In response to this new information TEAP respectfully requests that Parties strike paragraph 3, Part 5.3 (Volume 1, page 118) "Alternatives to Methyl Bromide" and replace with:

One of the largest and most technically challenging methyl bromide uses is for the production of strawberries. Strawberry growers in California have asserted that options from other regions are not appropriate to their situation. These options include the Netherlands methyl bromide-free steamed artificial soil technique, the Mexican field flooding technique, and shifting production to locations where pests can be controlled without methyl bromide. TEAP notes that California strawberry growers will be providing TEAP with analysis showing significant investments in research and development for methyl bromide alternatives.