



Ministry of Environment

Special Notice to the Owners of Institutions Importing Refrigerants and Institutions Providing Services in the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Sector

Controlling imports of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) series refrigerants

Sri Lanka has adapted to the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol to regulate the use of refrigerants (gases) in the hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) series of chemical substances.

Accordingly, in accordance with the Gazette Notifications No. 2143/36 of 03.10.2019 and No. 2182/10 of 30.06.2020 issued by the Department of Import and Export Control under the provisions of Import and Export Control Act, HFC series refrigerants should only be imported on a valid license issued by the Department of Import and Export Control.

The following aspects should be considered by the importers and users of refrigerants in relation to the phasing down of HFC series refrigerants.

1. The average value of HFC series refrigerants imported to Sri Lanka for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022 is considered to be the baseline of HFC quota entitled to Sri Lanka quota and beyond 2024, Sri Lanka could not import HFC based refrigerants exceeding this baseline level.
2. Importers will be allowed to import refrigerants of HFCs series beyond 2024 in proportion to the quantity of refrigerants belonging to HFC series imported in the years 2020, 2021 and 2022 and accordingly, those HFC importers will only be entitled to quota for HFCs imports.
3. Except in the years 2020, 2021 and 2022, if any importer imports HFC series refrigerants only in the year 2023, those importers will not be eligible for the HFC quota.

According to this methodology, the National Ozone Unit will facilitate introducing new technologies and provide facilities for field technicians in parallel with the process of phasing down the use of HFC series refrigerants in Sri Lanka from 2024 to 2045.

Further information in this regard could be obtained from Air Resource Management and National Ozone Unit of this Ministry via Telephone: 011-2034221/ 011-2034222, Email: noulanka@gmail.com, or websites: www.nou.lk / env.gov.lk

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