



In accordance with the Montreal Protocol, the EPA has established regulations for the phaseout of R-22 and other HCFC refrigerants.

The following is a summary.

January 1, 2010

For newly manufactured equipment.

Production and importation of R-22 is banned for new equipment. R-22 equipment may be manufactured after January 1, 2010 – but must be charged with reclaimed refrigerant.

For servicing of existing equipment.

Production and importation of R-22 is limited. Production and importation of R-22 is limited to pre-established allocations assigned to each producing entity.

This essentially “rations” the amount of new R-22 that will be available to the market. The EPA anticipates that the gap between the available new product, and actual demand for servicing of equipment will be covered by the use of reclaimed product.

January 1, 2011 – and annually thereafter

Predetermined allocations for new production are reduced yearly. Annual reductions will create increasing demand for reclaimed product. It is anticipated that the retirement of older equipment will result in lower overall demand. Compensating for any gap between overall demand and supply will be left to “market forces.”

January 1, 2015

Ban on production and import of all HCFC products, except for ongoing service of equipment manufactured prior to January 1, 2010. Supplier allocations are further decreased. New production will be limited to just 10% of the initial baseline.

January 1, 2020

No production or importation of any HCFC refrigerant. Ongoing servicing needs must be met by stockpiled and/or reclaimed product.

While believed correct, this information is offered only for preliminary guidance and is not guaranteed. This timeline has been revised before, and is subject to further change.

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