

General Guidance

This Information Sheet provides a list of all the relevant legislation on F gases and ozone-depleting substances. The legislation listed is at a European level and a national level.

Relevant Legislation on F-gases

Number	Name	Date Published in OJ
EC 842/2006	Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2006:161:0001:0011:EN:PDF <i>This is the main F gas Regulation at a European level and all other regulations are pursuant to it and provide more detail on the substance and interpretation of this regulation.</i>	17 th May 2006

Pursuant European Regulations on F Gases

Number	Name	Date Published in OJ
Producer Reporting		
EC 1493/2007	Commission Regulation establishing the format for the report to be submitted by producers, importers and exporters of certain fluorinated greenhouse gases http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2007:332:0007:0024:EN:PDF	17 th December 2007
Labelling		
EC 1494/2007	Commission Regulation establishing the form of labels and additional labeling requirements as regards products and equipment containing certain fluorinated greenhouse gases http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2007:332:0025:0026:EN:PDF	17 th December 2007
Leak Checking – stationary refrigeration & air-conditioning		
EC 1516/2007	Commission Regulation establishing standard leakage checking requirements for stationary refrigeration, air conditioning and heat pump equipment containing certain fluorinated greenhouse gases http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2007:335:0010:0012:EN:PDF	19 th December 2007
Leak Checking – fire protection		
EC 1497/2007	Commission Regulation establishing standard leakage checking requirements for stationary fire protection systems containing certain fluorinated greenhouse gases http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2007:333:0004:0005:EN:PDF	18 th December 2007
Qualifications – stationary refrigeration & air-conditioning		
EC 303/2008	Commission Regulation establishing minimum requirements and the conditions for mutual recognition for the certification of companies and personnel as regards stationary refrigeration, air conditioning and heat pump equipment containing certain fluorinated greenhouse gases http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:092:0003:0011:EN:PDF	2 nd April 2008

Qualifications – fire protection

EC 304/2008	Commission Regulation establishing minimum requirements and the conditions for mutual recognition for the certification of companies and personnel as regards stationary fire protection systems and fire extinguishers containing certain fluorinated greenhouse gases http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:092:0012:0016:EN:PDF	2 nd April 2008
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Qualifications – high voltage switchgear

EC 305/2008	Commission Regulation establishing minimum requirements and the conditions for mutual recognition for the certification of personnel recovering certain fluorinated greenhouse gases from high-voltage switchgear http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:092:0017:0020:EN:PDF	2 nd April 2008
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Qualifications – solvent

EC 306/2008	Commission Regulation establishing minimum requirements and the conditions for mutual recognition for the certification of personnel recovering certain fluorinated greenhouse gas-based solvents from equipment http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:092:0021:0024:EN:PDF	2 nd April 2008
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Qualifications – mobile air-conditioning

EC 307/2008	Commission Regulation establishing minimum requirements for training programmes and the conditions for mutual recognition of training attestations for personnel as regards air-conditioning systems in certain motor vehicles containing certain fluorinated greenhouse gases http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:092:0025:0027:EN:PDF	2 nd April 2008
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Mobile Air-conditioning Directive

EC 40/2006	Directive Of The European Parliament And Of The Council relating to emissions from air-conditioning systems in motor http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2006:161:0012:0018:EN:PDF	17 th May 2006
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Great Britain – Penalties & Qualifications in relation to F Gas Regulation

Number	Name	Came into Force
SI no. 41	The Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases Regulations 2008 <i>This statutory instrument put in place offences and penalties applicable in Great Britain to infringements of provisions of the EC F gas Regulation including issues around leakage checking, record keeping, gas recovery and existing qualifications for personnel working on equipment. These penalties and qualifications do not apply in Northern Ireland.</i> www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2008/uksi_20080041_en_1	15 th February 2008

Relevant Legislation on Ozone-Depleting Substances

Number	Name	Date Published in OJ
Main European Regulation		
EC 2037/2000	Regulation of The European Parliament and of the Council on substances that deplete the ozone layer. As amended by Regulations (EC) No. 2038/2000, 2039/2000 and 1804/2003 and Commission Decisions 2003/160/EC and 2004/232/EC. http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2000:244:0001:0024:EN:PDF	29 th June 2000
Great Britain – Statutory Instruments		
SI 528/2002	The Environmental Protection (Controls on Ozone-Depleting Substances) Regulations 2002 www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2002/20020528.htm	31 st March 2002
SI 1510/2006	The Ozone Depleting Substances (Qualifications) Regulations 2006 www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2006/20061510.htm	10 th July 2006
SI 91/2008	The Environmental Protection (Controls on Ozone-Depleting Substances) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2008/uksi_20080091_en_1	15 th February 2008
SI 97/2008	The Ozone Depleting Substances (Qualifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2008/uksi_20080097_en_1	15 th February 2008

Definitions

Regulation	A regulation is a legislative act of the European Union which becomes immediately enforceable as law in all member states simultaneously. When a regulation comes into force it overrides all national laws dealing with the same subject matter and subsequent national legislation must be consistent to and made in the light of the regulation. While member states are prohibited from obscuring the direct effect of regulations, it is common practice to pass legislation dealing with consequential matters arising from the coming into force of a regulation.
Directive	A directive is a legislative act of the European Union which requires member states to achieve a particular result without dictating the means of achieving that result. Directives are only binding on the member states to whom they are addressed, which can be just one member state or a group of them.



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