

NEA/HS/6.7

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To: All HCFC Licence Holders and Stakeholders

Dear Sir/Madam,

HYDROCHLOROFLUOROCARBONS (HCFC) PHASE-OUT SCHEDULE

This circular seeks to remind all local traders, importers and relevant stakeholders on the HCFC Phase-Out Schedule.

2. Singapore is an Article-5 Party to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (hereby known as the Montreal Protocol) and it is required to completely phase-out its consumption for HCFCs by 1 Jan 2030. The National Environment Agency (NEA) is appointed as the Designated National Authority (NA) for administering the Montreal Protocol.
3. NEA has implemented the Cap and Allocation framework in 2013 to reduce Singapore's HCFC consumption according to the phase-out schedule of the Montreal Protocol (**Annex A**). The framework has enabled Singapore to meet the Montreal Protocol targets of (a) freezing its HCFC baseline consumption in 2013 and (b) reducing 10% of its HCFC baseline consumption in 2015.
4. Singapore's next target under the Montreal Protocol is to meet the 35% reduction of its HCFC baseline consumption in 2020. The HCFC quota allocation will be adjusted from 2020 onwards to achieve this target.
5. As the supply of HCFCs will gradually decrease over time, businesses may wish to take the availability of HCFCs into account for long-term planning purposes. NEA encourages companies that are still using HCFCs to evaluate their business needs and manufacturing processes, and explore technically proven, economically viable and environmentally benign HCFCs alternatives to meet their business requirements.
6. NEA would also like to take the opportunity to inform all HCFC licence holders that NEA has implemented licensing controls for 18 types of HFCs (inclusive of blends/mixtures that contain one or more of these HFCs) with effect from **1 Jan 2019**. For more information on licensing controls for the 18 HFCs, you may refer to the joint circular issued by SCDF and NEA at the following webpage:- <https://www.nea.gov.sg/docs/default-source/hs/joint-circular-on-the-control-of-hfcs.pdf>.



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HCFC Phase-out Schedule

At the 19th Meeting of the Parties (MOP-19) to the Montreal Protocol held in Sep 2007, Parties agreed to adjust their commitments to accelerate the phase out of HCFCs. Article-5 Parties, which include Singapore are obliged to freeze the production and consumption of HCFCs in 2013, followed by subsequent reduction in 2015, 2020 and 2025, and total phase-out in 2030. The use of HCFCs for local industries and end-users is still allowed till 2030, subject to the following stepwise phase-out schedule:

