



MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIALISATION AND TRADE



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Phase-Out of Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFC) Refrigerant in Namibia

The Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade, through the National Ozone Unit, wishes to inform the general public and all key stakeholders that the importation of Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFC) refrigerants is phased out in Namibia and will no longer be permitted as of 1 January 2025. This decision is in line with the country's commitment to the Montreal Protocol and the Government Gazette No. 148 of 7 July 2020 that came into force on 1 January 2021. Section 2 (4) of the gazette stipulates that "an importer may not import into Namibia any of the Class E substances listed in Annexure 1 as from 1 January 2025"

The following Class E of the HCFC are banned:

- HCFC-21
- HCFC-22
- HCFC-141
- HCFC-141b
- HCFC-142
- HCFC-142b
- HCFC-225
- HCFC-123
- HCFC-124
- R-401a/b/c
- R-402a/b
- R-405a
- R-406a
- R-408a
- R-409a/b
- R-415B
- R-500
- R-502
- R-507
- R-509
- R-418A

All businesses and individuals using R22-based refrigeration and air conditioning systems should:

- Upgrade systems or retrofit to use non-HCFC refrigerants.
- Seek alternative solutions and transition to environmentally friendly refrigerants.

An importer who wishes to import goods set out in Class C in Annexure 1, whether new or used, must import such goods in accordance with the Safety Standards for handling of Refrigeration and Air Conditions set out by the Namibia Standards Institution.

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