



EP vote on the F-gas Regulation: a positive step towards the reduction of fluorinated greenhouse gas emissions.

Brussels, 26 October 2005: On 26 October 2005, the European Parliament voted on a second reading report concerning a Regulation on Fluorinated Gases (F-Gas Regulation) intended to strengthen actions to protect the climate and the environment. EFCTC is pleased that there has been support for the Common Position which is a step in the right direction to strengthen actions to protect the climate and the environment. By focussing on containment, monitoring and controlling emission of HFCs the Parliament has enabled the continued use of HFCs in essential applications including refrigeration, air conditioning and thermal insulation to contribute to an improvement in Climate change.

“It is good news that the Common Position submitted to the Parliament resulting from extensive scientific and objective stakeholder consultation process was effectively supported. It appears that the facts demonstrating the global benefit of HFCs, including their positive impact on the climate, have been taken into account” declared Nick Campbell, EFCTC Chairman.

EFCTC also recognises the value of a Regulation based both on Article 95 for measures regarding single market aspects and on Article 175 for measures related to environmental protection. Such an approach provides a firm basis to ensure the Regulation will be in line with its global objectives. *“This Regulation is a good opportunity to bring together the sustainable socio-economic and environmental measures the public expects”* underlined Nick Campbell.

The priority of industry now is to continue to invest in improved HFC systems for the long-term, to drive forward progress on containment and reducing emissions of all greenhouse gases. Reduced leakage, improved system design, improved efficiency and recovery and recycle at end of life is industry's focus ahead of the review foreseen in the Regulation after some years time.



“The objective of the Kyoto Protocol is the reduction of the emissions of greenhouse gases. The measures included in the Proposal on Containment of emissions of F-gases and on limitations of their purely emissive applications will contribute to this objective” concluded Nick Campbell.

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