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### Stakeholders meeting on F-Gas legislation: An important step for its implementation

**Brussels, 9 October 2006:** The European Fluorocarbon Technical Committee (EFCTC)

The European Fluorocarbons Technical Committee (EFCTC) welcomes the stakeholders meeting organized by the European Commission on 9 October 2006 as a valuable opportunity for discussion on the application of the F-gas Regulation. In particular it encourages the Management Committee to ensure consistency in the implementation of the Regulation in each of the Member States.

*“We already have some Member States working to transpose the F-gas legislation into national decrees – said Nick Campbell, EFCTC chairman- The European Commission needs to ensure that the legislation is applied in the same way all around Europe, above all as far as monitoring and reporting are concerned”.*

EFCTC sees the meeting as an important part of the ongoing dialogue and it stresses the importance of recycling of F-gases in order to meet the objectives of the legislation. With this respect, EFCTC also suggests that the waste legislations need to be correctly interpreted and F-gases for the purpose of recycling or reclamation should not be classified as waste but as products.

By focusing on containment, monitoring and controlling emissions of F-gases, the legislation supports the need for the continued use of HFCs in applications across Europe, including refrigeration, stationary air conditioning and thermal insulation. At the same time it ensures that emissions remain at a low level.

Looking ahead to the revision foreseen by the legislation after some years, EFCTC suggests that any inclusion of further products and equipments containing fluorocarbons should be subject of a life cycle analysis, taking into account energy efficiency.

The priority is now to further improve system design, to reduce leakage by appropriate training and maintenance and to improve recovery and recycling at the end of life cycle. Fluorocarbons producers will work in close collaboration with the downstream users of F-gases to meet these key challenges.

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