

PRESS RELEASE

EHPA welcomes agreement on new F-Gas Regulation

Brussels, 17 December 2013 – Yesterday, the European Commission, the Council and the Parliament agreed on a compromise text of the F-Gas Regulation review. The European Heat Pump Association (EHPA) congratulates the negotiating parties for the achievement to finalise a first reading agreement. The association supports a quick finalisation to give the heat pump industry legal certainty for the near future.

The final text is based on a phase down scenario that will reduce the amount of refrigerant to be placed on the market by 79%. Apart from that, an additional ban applies to single-split air conditioners. EHPA believes that the phase down scenario is already strong enough and no further bans were necessary. Nonetheless, the industry will continue its efforts to make heat pumps the most efficient heating and cooling technology using renewable energy. This will have to integrate new low GWP refrigerant alternatives.

As EHPA members have followed the revision of the regulation closely, they are in particular pleased that the policymakers have taken crucial points into consideration. This includes the sound definition of hermetically sealed equipment as well as the inclusion of pre-charged equipment in the phasedown via a traceability scheme (instead of a ban). This will eventually be beneficial to efficiency and the environment.

Thomas Nowak (Secretary General of EHPA): *“We are happy about the trilogue compromise. It gives legal certainty to the heat pump industry, which can now start working on delivering its contribution to the phase down.”*

As such EHPA hopes that the Plenary will and Council will follow this agreement and formally adopt the document in early 2014.

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Note to the editor

The Brussels based European Heat Pump Association EEIG (EHPA) represents the majority of the European heat pump industry. It has more than **107 members from all parts of the industry's value chain**: heat pump and component manufacturers, research institutes, universities, testing labs and energy agencies. Its key goal is to promote awareness and proper deployment of heat pump technology in the European market place for residential, commercial and industrial application. EHPA coordinates the European Quality label for heat pumps and the EUCERT education and training scheme for heat pump installers. EHPA compiles the annual heat pump sales statistics and market outlook. For more information, please visit: www.ehpa.org.