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## EPEE welcomes historic agreement on F-gases

**Brussels, 16 December 2013: The EU institutions today agreed on new rules for F-gases. The rules will introduce a cap on HFC consumption to achieve a 79% reduction by 2030. The heating, cooling, refrigeration and heat pump industry represented by EPEE welcomes the new rules.**

EPEE Director General Andrea Voigt said: *?I am proud that our committed industry has shown progressiveness and has always supported ambitious environmental rules on F-gases through a cap-and phase down. The phase-down will steer innovation and help industry to move towards alternative solutions in a safe and efficient way.?*

*?We are also pleased that the rules have been concluded in First Reading, as our members will now have the regulatory certainty to ensure long-term business planning ? all of which will ultimately benefit the EU economy.?*

In addition to the cap and phase-down of 79%, the EU institutions also agreed to a traceability system to better track equipment containing F-gases which are imported into the EU, as well as a service and maintenance ban to ensure that current equipment moves towards more environmentally-friendly alternatives.

It was also agreed to broaden the scope of bans by introducing a Global Warming Potential (GWP) limit for bigger refrigeration systems and small split air-conditioning systems. Although EPEE still believes additional bans were not required to reach the climate goals, the association accepts that these were needed to reach a common Political Agreement.

The Political Agreement will now need to be formally endorsed by both the European Parliament and the Council. After this the rules should become applicable from 2015.

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