

Press Release

Global Fluorocarbon Producers Forum launches informational website

The worldwide producers of fluorocarbons, known as the Global Fluorocarbon Producers Forum (GFPF), has launched an informational website to better communicate its objectives to key stakeholders around the world. The new website's domain is www.GFPF-forum.org.

The members of GFPF produce fluorocarbon-based gases used in broad range of applications that keep food, beverages, medicines and vital fluids cold; make buildings, homes and vehicles comfortable; make insulation more energy efficient; and enable products, including medical devices, to be delivered in an aerosol form. Its members include: Arkema, Daikin, DuPont, Gujarat Fluorochemicals Limited (GFL), Honeywell, Japan Fluorocarbon Manufacturers Association (JFMA), Mexichem, and Solvay.

The members of GFPF are at the forefront of worldwide efforts to manage both the interests of the producers of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and the needs to effectively manage their use while addressing their impacts on global warming.

“The objective of the GFPF is to promote fluorinated gases as a sustainable solution in applications where their unique properties bring value to society and to provide constructive input into the international regulatory processes covered by the Montreal and Kyoto Protocols,” said Rich Rowe, Chairman of GFPF. “The GFPF advocates sensible reductions in the use of high global-warming fluorocarbons while preserving the choice for consumers and manufacturers and helps to create a practical timeline to adopt replacement technologies that offer lower global warming properties.”

The new GFPF website features a video overview of the organization along with sections that describe the value of fluorocarbons in everyday life, whether it's enabling food safety through refrigeration, comfort from air conditioning, respiratory inhalers, aerosols for throat and nose sprays, and foam blowing agents for making energy-saving insulation products. The website also presents the GFPF's official positions on several key issues, including the support of the HFC Amendment to the Montreal Protocol governing an HFC consumption cap and reduction program; development and deployment of lower GWP materials while developing new, low GWP technologies; enhanced activities to stop illegal import of phased-out HCFCs and counterfeit refrigerants; and the continuing need to use ozone-depleting substances (ODSs) as feedstocks in controlled processes.

“The new website will significantly help us define and communicate our objectives as producers of fluorinated gases,” said Chairman Rowe. “It will highlight our participation in scientific, technical and regulatory forums regarding climate change, communicate the clear benefits that fluorocarbons bring to society, and represent our viewpoint to industry regulators, and non-governmental organizations around the world.”

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Global Fluorocarbon Producers Forum (GFPF) is a sector group of Cefic (European Chemical Industry Council).

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