

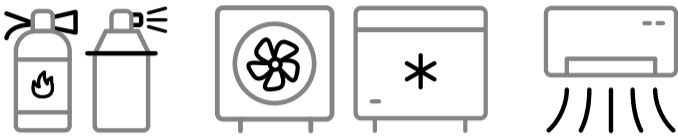
THE UNTOLD STORY OF HFCs & ORGANISED CRIME

THE GOOD SIDE

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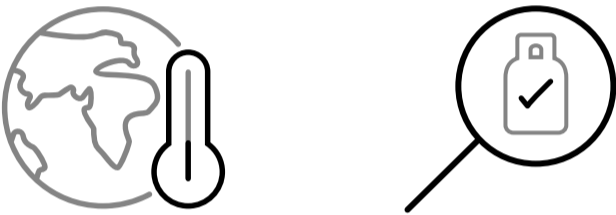
THE UGLY SIDE

1. HFCs are widely used in many ways;



for supermarket and industry refrigeration, heat pumps, fire extinguishers, sprays and insulations

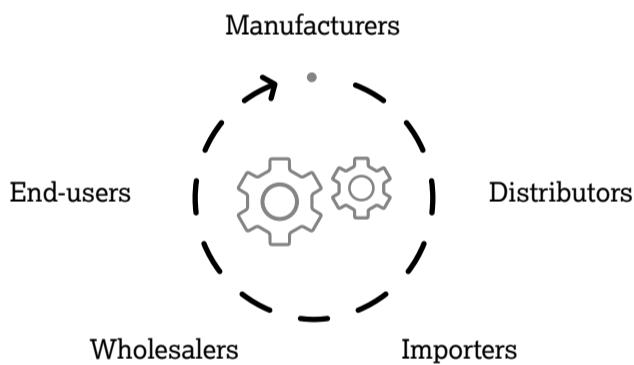
2. HFCs have made a positive environmental impact



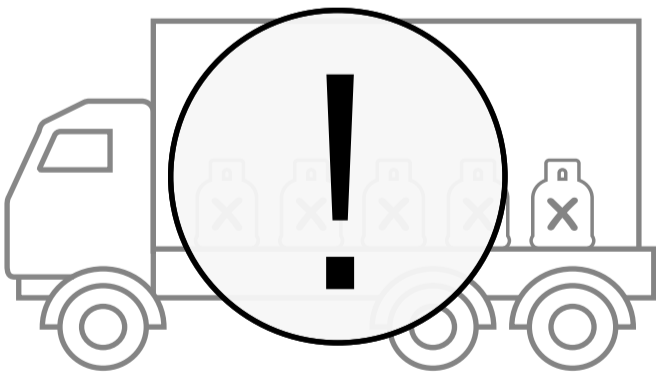
They help to stop ozone depletion and reduce greenhouse emissions

Huge R&D projects are underway to develop alternatives to further reduce CO₂ emissions

3. The supply chain is well-established and functional



4. There are good laws in place to protect the industry as well as the environment



1. Traders and users are looking for lower costs

↑ More illegal imports of HFCs into Europe

↓ Lower tax revenues and impact on R&D budgets

2. Criminal activity threatens progress made so far

The amount of illegally imported HFCs could be as high as

34 million tonnes of CO₂e

1 in 4 canisters in the EU could be illegal

Europe will not be climate neutral by 2050

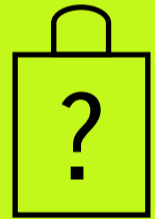
3. It's easy for criminals to infiltrate the supply chain



HFC is legally bought and re-packaged



Shipments are then hidden and imported



Sold to unsuspecting end-users

4. No major deterrents create a huge and dangerous black market for HFCs



Big differences in member states' enforcements



Under-resourced customs officers focused on drugs and weapons



Punishments for being caught are small

THE BOTTOM LINE IS:

Illegal HFC imports support the activity of criminal gangs such as human trafficking, guns and drugs dealing. They are bad for the environment and provide us with less means to develop more sustainable alternatives.

WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT THIS?

To find out more about what we're doing to combat illegal HFCs and how you can help to make a difference, visit:

www.stopillegalcooling.eu



**STOP SMUGGLING.
START TRACING.**

