



## Illegal trade of HFCs – confiscated products

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Country of the confiscation	Date	Amount	Product	Countries involved	Estimated value	Penalties	Source
Spain	15/11/2020	19 tonnes 996 cylinders	134a, R410A, R32, R407C, R507, R437A, R407H, HFO R1234yf, R452, HCFC R22.	Spain	--	Two involved people arrested. Investigation continues for crimes and fraud penalties.	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/spanish-raids-seize-19-tonnes-of-illegal-refrigerant/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/spanish-raids-seize-19-tonnes-of-illegal-refrigerant/</a>
Belgium Canada China Poland Denmark	02/11/2020	31 tonnes	HFCs (not specified)	Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Poland China	--	--	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/global-customs-operation-bags-31-tonnes-of-illegal-hfcs/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/global-customs-operation-bags-31-tonnes-of-illegal-hfcs/</a>
Netherlands	02/10/2020	10 tonnes	HCFC R22 HCFs R32 R404A	China	30,000 EUR	--	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/dutch-intercept-10-tonnes-of-illegal-r404a/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/dutch-intercept-10-tonnes-of-illegal-r404a/</a>

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			R410A R22				
Romania	05/08/2020	76 tonnes	R134a R404a R407C R507	Romania China Turkey	--	--	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/customs-seize-huge-shipment-of-illegal-hfc-refrigerant/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/customs-seize-huge-shipment-of-illegal-hfc-refrigerant/</a>
Greece	27/07/2020	30 bottles 329 kg	R404A	Greece Albania		Case against the offenders was submitted to the Prosecutor of the Court of First Instance of Kastoria, Greece	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/two-arrested-for-illegal-hfc-shipment/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/two-arrested-for-illegal-hfc-shipment/</a>
Netherlands	03/07/2020	14 tonnes (1,150 cylinders)	R410A, R32 R404A.	Netherlands	--	--	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/customs-seize-14-">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/customs-seize-14-</a>



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				Lithuania Poland China Germany			<a href="#">tonnes-of-illegal-hfc-in-rotterdam/</a>
Greece	18/06/2020	3.5 tonnes	HCFC R22	Greece Albania Macedonia	--	--	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/greek-police-seize-3-5-tonnes-of-illegal-refrigerant/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/greek-police-seize-3-5-tonnes-of-illegal-refrigerant/</a>
Croatia	04/06/2020	300 kg	R134a	Croatia	--	8,715 EUR+ 3,500 EUR	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/zagreb-customs-stop-car-crammed-with-r134a/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/zagreb-customs-stop-car-crammed-with-r134a/</a>
Bulgaria	14/05/2020	490 kg	R134a R404A	Bulgaria Turkey	--	--	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/bulgarians-seize-500kg-of-illegal-refrigerant/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/bulgarians-seize-500kg-of-illegal-refrigerant/</a>
Italy	07/02/2020	138 cylinders 10 tons	Not revealed Photos suggest at least some of it was R404A.	China Turkey Italy	27,500 EUR	--	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/italian-crackdown-on-illegal-hfc-continues/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/italian-crackdown-on-illegal-hfc-continues/</a>



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Bulgaria	23/01/2020	12,977 kg	R134a	Turkey Bulgaria		Pre-trial procedures	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/bulgarian-customs-seize-nearly-13000kg-of-r134a/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/bulgarian-customs-seize-nearly-13000kg-of-r134a/</a>
Bulgaria	14/12/2020	60 cylinders 634.5 kg		Turkey Bulgaria	--	--	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/customs-seize-60-cylinders-of-smuggled-refrigerant/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/customs-seize-60-cylinders-of-smuggled-refrigerant/</a>
Bulgaria	15/09/2019	40 cylinders 13.16 kg each	HCFC - R22	Bulgaria/ Macedonia	--	Six months prison (suspended three) 500 EUR fine	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/suspended-sentence-for-illegally-importing-r22/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/suspended-sentence-for-illegally-importing-r22/</a>
Poland	14/10/2019	414 cases including:	CO2	China	--	--	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/polish-f-gas-crackdown-nets-">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/polish-f-gas-crackdown-nets-</a>



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	Summary of 2018 seizures	10,676 kg 9,803 kg 28,800 kg 2,400 refilable cylinders (16,800 kg) 51,180 kg	134A R404A R407A R410A				<a href="#">107-tonnes-of-illegal-hfcs/</a>
Bulgaria	14/10/2019 Summary of 2018 seizures	78 separate smuggling attempts between April and December 2018 497 cylinders	R134A and 404A	Bulgaria Turkey		Fines between 220 to 250 EUR per cylinder	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/polish-f-gas-crackdown-nets-107-tonnes-of-illegal-hfcs/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/polish-f-gas-crackdown-nets-107-tonnes-of-illegal-hfcs/</a>



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Greece	14/10/2019 Summary of 2018 seizures	432 kg	R134a R404A R407C	Greece Albania		6,000 EUR	
Croatia	14/10/2019 Summary of 2018 seizures	25 seizures 102 cylinders	R134a R410A R404A R407C	Croatia Bosnia-Herzegovina	--	Total 24,000 EUR	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/polish-f-gas-crackdown-nets-107-tonnes-of-illegal-hfcs/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/polish-f-gas-crackdown-nets-107-tonnes-of-illegal-hfcs/</a>
Bulgaria	09/05/2019	2 cylinders 13.6 kg	R134a	Bulgaria/ Turkey	--	Turkish citizen driver was sanctioned in correspondence with the law.	<a href="https://ozone.unep.org/">https://ozone.unep.org/</a>
Netherlands	05/03/2019	1 600 kg	R134a	--	--	--	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/dutch-authorities-intercept-illegal-r134a-refrigerant/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/dutch-authorities-intercept-illegal-r134a-refrigerant/</a>



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Greece	12/09/2019	23 tones 1 939 cylinders	R407C-R404A	China	--	--	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/23-tonnes-of-illegal-hfc-seized-in-greece/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/23-tonnes-of-illegal-hfc-seized-in-greece/</a>
Poland	07/09/2019	13.768 K – 1,202 cylinders	R404A	China	--	--	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/poland-seizes-over-13-tonnes-of-quota-busting-refrigerant/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/poland-seizes-over-13-tonnes-of-quota-busting-refrigerant/</a>
Italy	04/09/2019	11 cylinders	R22/R134A/R41 0A/R404A	Tunisia	50,000 EUR to 150,000 EUR	--	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/italian-customs-intercept-banned-r22-refrigerant/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/italian-customs-intercept-banned-r22-refrigerant/</a>
Italy	03/09/2019	11 cylinders	HFCs and CFCs (denomination not specified)	Tunisia	--	3 to 9 months prison 50 000 to 150 000 EUR Fine	<a href="#">Agenzia Dogane Monopoli</a> (another source for the above confiscation)
Spain	14/08/2019	255 Cylinders	Refrigerators (not specified)	--	500,000 EUR	Prison waiting for	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/eight-arrested-as-police-seize-">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/eight-arrested-as-police-seize-</a>



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						judgment (robbery)	<a href="#">refrigerant-worth-e500000/</a>
Romania	21/07/2019	95 cylinders	HFCs (not specified)	Portugal	22,000 EUR	--	<a href="https://www.cci-dialog.de/branchenticker/2019/kw30/05/luekk_ill_egale_kaeltemittel_sisyph_usarbeit_der_behoerden_cci_branchenticker.html?backLink=/branchenticker/2019/kw30/05/luekk_i_llegale_kaeltemittel_sisyp_husarbeit_der_behoerde_n_cci_branchenticker.html">https://www.cci-dialog.de/branchenticker/2019/kw30/05/luekk_ill_egale_kaeltemittel_sisyph_usarbeit_der_behoerden_cci_branchenticker.html?backLink=/branchenticker/2019/kw30/05/luekk_i_llegale_kaeltemittel_sisyp_husarbeit_der_behoerde_n_cci_branchenticker.html</a>
Romania	17/07/2019	86 Kg	R134A, R404A and R32	Bulgaria/ Germany	-	Fine: 320 EUR	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/illegal-refrigerant-seized-for-lack-of-documentation/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/illegal-refrigerant-seized-for-lack-of-documentation/</a> and <a href="https://www.cci-dialog.de/branchenticker/2019/kw30/05/luekk_ill">https://www.cci-dialog.de/branchenticker/2019/kw30/05/luekk_ill</a>





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							<a href="http://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/june-sees-1200-illegal-refrigerant-cylinders-seized-in-lithuania/">egale kaeltemittel sisyp usarbeit der behoerden _cci branchenticker.html ?backLink=/branchentick er/2019/kw30/05/luekk i llegale kaeltemittel sisyp usarbeit der behoerde n_cci branchenticker.ht ml</a>
Lithuania	28/06/2019	1,200 cylinders	404A 134A	Lithuania Russia	50,000 EUR	--	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/june-sees-1200-illegal-refrigerant-cylinders-seized-in-lithuania/">https://www.coolingpost. com/world-news/june- sees-1200-illegal- refrigerant-cylinders- seized-in-lithuania/</a>
Spain	13/05/2019	150,000 kg	R22	China Spain (Canary Islands) Lithuania	500,000 to 1Million EUR	--	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/customs-block-trade-in-illegal-refrigerant/">https://www.coolingpost. com/world- news/customs-block- trade-in-illegal- refrigerant/</a>
Bulgaria	5/04/2019	96 Cylinders	R134A	Bulgaria Turkey	--	--	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-">https://www.coolingpost. com/world-</a>



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		of 1,123.5 kg					<a href="#">news/bulgarian-customs-seize-over-a-tonne-of-illegal-hfcs/</a>
Poland	4/04/2019	25 Tones 24,459 Kg	R134a-R404A-410A	Ukraine	600,000 EUR	--	<a href="https://eia-international.org/news/record-25-tonne-seizure-in-poland-of-illegal-climate-harming-hfc-refrigerants/">https://eia-international.org/news/record-25-tonne-seizure-in-poland-of-illegal-climate-harming-hfc-refrigerants/</a>
Netherlands	05/03/2019	123 cylinders of 13.6 kgs	134A	Netherlands (origin not specified)	--	--	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/dutch-authorities-intercept-illegal-r134a-refrigerant/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/dutch-authorities-intercept-illegal-r134a-refrigerant/</a>
Bulgaria	19/02/2019	1000 Cylinders	R22	Bulgaria Turkey	205,000 EUR	--	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/bulgarian-customs-stop-more-contraband-refrigerant/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/bulgarian-customs-stop-more-contraband-refrigerant/</a>
Bulgaria	15/02/2019	1000 Cylinders	R22	Bulgaria Papua New Guinea		--	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/customs-seize-">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/customs-seize-</a>



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							<a href="#">more-illegal-r22-refrigerant/</a>
Georgia	01/01/2019	70 cylinders of 13.6 kg	R22 100 cans of 1kg	Georgia	--	--	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/customs-block-trade-in-illegal-refrigerant/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/customs-block-trade-in-illegal-refrigerant/</a>
Germany	14/11/2018	10 cylinders	R134A	Germany Austria Serbia China		Criminal case was opened	<a href="https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/illegal-r134a-found-in-car-boot/">https://www.coolingpost.com/world-news/illegal-r134a-found-in-car-boot/</a>