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**AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>**

UNITED KINGDOM

The following notification dated 2 February 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United Kingdom.

	Category	Notification details
1	Notifying Member	United Kingdom
2	Title of new legislation/procedure	<u>Retained EU law:</u> <sup>2</sup>  1. Regulation (EU) No. 517/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on fluorinated greenhouse gases and repealing Regulation (EC) No. 842/2006 (Text with EEA relevance), incorporated into law by the EU Withdrawal Act.  <u>UK legislation:</u>  2. The Ozone-Depleting Substances and Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 3. The Ozone-Depleting Substances and Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020
3	Date of Publication	1. 16 April 2014 2. 14 March 2019 3. 14 October 2020
4	Date of entry into force	1. 16 April 2014 2. 31 December 2020 3. 31 December 2020
5	Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	1. <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2014/517">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2014/517</a> 2. <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2019/583/contents/made">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2019/583/contents/made</a> 3. <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2020/9780348213263/contents">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2020/9780348213263/contents</a>
6	Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat	[ ] Yes. (Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.) [x] No.

<sup>1</sup> It is understood that the notifying Member has also completed its notification obligations under Article 1.4(a) and Article 8.2(b) regarding the relevant law/regulation/procedure notified for by filling this form in a full and complete manner.

<sup>2</sup> Some European Union law was retained in UK law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020, with minor modifications to ensure operability.

	Category	Notification details
7	Type of notification	<p>[x] (a) New licensing regulation/procedure<sup>3</sup>; (please answer question 8 to 14)</p> <p>[ ] (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: _____; (please answer question 15 and 16)</p>
8	List of products subject to licensing	Attached as Annex.
9	Nature of licensing	<p>Automatic: [ ]</p> <p>Non-Automatic: [x ]</p>
10	Administrative purpose/measure being implemented	<p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect public morals;</p> <p>(b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect human, animal or plant life and health; protect environment;</p> <p>(c) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collect trade statistics or market surveillance;</p> <p>(d) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices;</p> <p>(e) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties (i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.)</p> <p>(f) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quota (including TRQ) administration;</p> <p>(g) <input type="checkbox"/> Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security;</p> <p>(h) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify)</p>
11	Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications	<p>Ministry/authority and Department: Environment Agency</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Climate Change Trading and Regulatory Services Richard Fairclough House, Knutsford Road Warrington Cheshire WA4 1HT</p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency">https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency</a></p> <p>Telephone: 0370 8506506</p> <p>E-Mail: <a href="mailto:f-gassupport@environment-agency.gov.uk">f-gassupport@environment-agency.gov.uk</a></p>
12	Contact point for information on eligibility	<p>Ministry/authority and Department: Environment Agency</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>National Customer Contact Centre PO Box 544 Rotherham S60 1BY UK</p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency">https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency</a></p> <p>Telephone: 0370 8506506</p> <p>E-Mail: <a href="mailto:f-gassupport@environment-agency.gov.uk">f-gassupport@environment-agency.gov.uk</a></p>
13	Expected duration of licensing procedure	Ongoing.
14	A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages	Traders must have a prior valid license registration to import and export fluorinated gases (f-gases) Further, for import of bulk hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) it is a requirement that the quantity of HFCs placed on the market (e.g. import released for free circulation) are covered by quota on an annual basis.

<sup>3</sup> "New licensing regulation/procedure" is understood to refer to any newly introduced law, regulation or procedure, and those which are in force but being notified for the first time to the Committee.

	Category	Notification details
		Guidance for traders importing or exporting hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) is available at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/fluorinated-gases-and-ozone-depleting-substances-how-to-do-business-from-1-january-2021#gb-regulation-of-f-gas-and-ods">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/fluorinated-gases-and-ozone-depleting-substances-how-to-do-business-from-1-january-2021#gb-regulation-of-f-gas-and-ods</a>
15	In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)	<p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Termination</p> <p>(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension</p> <p>(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Modification of specific details in existing procedures:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Product coverage;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative purpose;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Automatic or Non-automatic;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Duration of licensing;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Change the nature of quantity/value restriction;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility of applicants;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contact information on eligibility;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Documentation requirements (including application form);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Period for Application;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) to issue licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Processing time for issuing licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Licence fee/administrative charge;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Appeal regulations/procedures;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Validity of licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Foreign exchange requirements;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify).</p>
16	Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)	

**ANNEX****Bulk Gases**

<b>Commodity Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
2903392100	difluoromethane
2903392300	Trifluoromethane
2903392410	pentafluoroethane
2903392490	1,1,1-trifluoroethane
2903392500	1,1-difluoroethane
2903392610	1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane
2903392690	Other
2903392710	1,1,1,3,3-Pentafluoropropane
2903392715	1,1,2,2,3-pentafluoropropane (HFC-245ca)
2903392720	1,1,1,2,3,3,3-heptafluoropropane (HFC-227ea)
2903392722	1,1,1,2,2,3-hexafluoropropane (HFC-236cb)
2903392724	1,1,1,2,3,3-hexafluoropropane (HFC-236ea)
2903392726	1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoropropane (HFC-236fa)
2903392791	Other
2903392920	Fluoromethane (methyl fluoride) (HFC-41)
2903392922	Fluoroethane (ethyl fluoride) (HFC-161)
2903392924	1,2-difluoroethane (HFC-152)
2903392925	1,1,1-trifluoroethane (HFC-143a)
2903392926	1,1,2-trifluoroethane (HFC-143)
2903392928	1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethane (HFC-134)
2903392930	1,1,1,2,2,3,4,5,5,5-decafluoropentane (HFC-43-10mee)
2903392932	1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane (HFC-365mfc)
2903392991	Other
3824781000	Containing only 1,1,1-trifluoroethane and pentafluoroethane
3824781010	R507A (containing 50% of pentafluoroethane (HF C-125) and 50% of 1,1,1-trifluoroethane (HFC-143a))
3824781090	Other
3824782000	1,1,1-trifluoroethane, pentafluoroethane and 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane
3824782010	R404A (containing 52% of 1,1,1-trifluoroethane(HFC-143a), 44% of pentafluoroethane (HFC-125) and 4% of 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (HFC-134 a))
3824782090	Other
3824783000	Containing only difluoromethane and pentafluoroethane
3824783010	R410A (containing 50% of pentafluoroethane (HFC-125) and 50% of difluoromethane (HFC-32))
3824783090	Other
3824784000	Mixtures containing halogenated derivatives of methane, ethane or propane- Containing only difluoromethane, pentafluoroethane and 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane
3824784010	R407A (containing 40% of pentafluoroethane (HFC-125), 40% of 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (HFC-134a) and 20% of difluoromethane (HFC-32))
3824784020	R407C (containing 52% of 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (HFC-134a), 25% of pentafluoroethane (HFC-125) and 23% of difluoromethane (HFC-32))
3824784030	R407F (containing 40% of 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (HFC-134a), 30% of difluoromethane (HFC-32) and 30% of pentafluoroethane (HFC-125))
3824784040	R407H (containing 52.5% of 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (HFC-134a), 32.5% of difluoromethane (HFC-32) and 15% of pentafluoroethane (HFC-125))
3824784090	Other
3824788000	Mixtures containing halogenated derivatives of methane, ethane or propane- Containing unsaturated hydrofluorocarbons.
3824788010	R448A (containing 26% of difluoromethane (HFC-32), 26% of pentafluoroethane (HFC-125), 21% of 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (HFC-134a), 20% of 2,3,3,3-tetrafluoropropene (HFC-1234yf) and 7% of 1,3,3,3-tetrafluoropropene (HFC-1234ze)
3824788011	R449A (containing 25.7% of 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (HFC-134a), 25.3% of 2,3,3,3-tetrafluoropropene (HFC-1234yf), 24.7% of pentafluoroethane (HFC-125) and 24.3% of difluoromethane (HFC-32))
3824788020	R450A (containing 58% of 1,3,3,3-tetrafluoropropene (HFC-1234ze) and 42% of 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (HFC-134a))
3824788021	R452A (containing 59% of pentafluoroethane (HFC-125), 30% of 2,3,3,3-tetrafluoropropene (HFC-1234yf) and 11% of difluoromethane (HFC-32))
3824788030	R452B (containing 67% of difluoromethane (HFC-32), 26% of 2,3,3,3-tetrafluoropropene (HFC-1234yf) and 7% of pentafluoroethane (HFC-125))

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3824788031	R455A (containing 75.5% of 2,3,3,3-tetrafluoropropene (HFC-1234yf), 21.5% of difluoromethane(HFC-32) and 3% of carbon dioxide)
3824788040	R513A (containing 56% of 2,3,3,3-tetrafluoropropene (HFC-1234yf) and 44% of 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (HFC-134a))
3824788041	R514A (containing 74.7% of 1,1,1,4,4,4-hexafluoro-2-butene (HFC-1336mzz) and 25.3% of trans-1,2-dichloro-ethylene)
3824788091	Other
3824789005	Suspensions
3824789010	R508A (containing 61% of hexafluoroethane (perfluoroethane) (PFC-116) and 39% of trifluoromethane (fluoroform) (HFC-23))
3824789011	R508B (containing 54% of hexafluoroethane (perfluoroethane) (PFC-116) and 46% of trifluoromethane (fluoroform) (HFC-23))
3824789020	R422D (containing 65.1% of pentafluoroethane (HFC-125), 31.5% of 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (HFC-134a) and 3.4% of isobutane)
3824789021	R417A (containing 50% of 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (HFC-134a), 46.6% of pentafluoroethane (HFC-125) and 3.4% of isobutane)
3824789030	R419A (containing 77% of pentafluoroethane (HFC-125), 19% of 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (HFC-134a), and 4% of dimethyl ether (R-E170))
3824789061	Containing only 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane (HFC-365mfc) and 1,1,1,2,3,3,3-heptafluoropropane (HFC-227ea)
3824789070	Containing only 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane (HFC-365mfc) and 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluoropropane (HFC-245fa)
3824789091	Other

### **Pre-charged equipment**

Imports of all products and equipment pre-charged with HFCs, (including refrigeration, AC and heat pump equipment) require the importer to obtain a quota authorization. Authorizations must be agreed between a quota holder and the importer of the pre-charged equipment.

Imports of pre-charged products and equipment into the UK also must be accompanied by a declaration of conformity. This document declares that the business has been authorised with sufficient quota to import the HFCs within their products. Goods are not permitted to be released into free circulation without a valid declaration of conformity.

The commodity codes relevant to this category are:

Air-conditioning machines, comprising a motor-driven fan and elements for changing the temperature and humidity, including those machines in which the humidity cannot be separately regulated (pre-charged with HFCs)

<b>Pre-charged with HFCs</b>	
Of a kind designed to be fixed to a window, wall ceiling or floor, self-contained or split system,	8415101010
Split system	8415109010
Of a kind used in motor vehicles	8415200010
Other	8415810091
Other incorporating a refrigeration unit	8415820091
Parts	8415900099

Refrigerators, freezers and other refrigerating or freezing equipment, electric or other; heat pumps other than air-conditioning machines of heading 8415 (pre-charged with HFCs)

<b>Pre-charged with HFCs</b>		
Combined Fridge Freezers, fitted with separate external doors	Of a capacity exceeding 340 litres	8418102091
	Other	8418108091
Refrigerators, household type	Of a capacity exceeding 340 litres	8418211010
	Table model	8418215110
	Building in type	8418215910
	Other of a capacity not exceeding 250 litres	8418219110
	Exceeding 205 but not exceeding 340 litres	8418219910
	Other	8418290010

<b>Pre-charged with HFCs</b>		
Freezers of chest type, not exceeding 800 litres capacity	Of a capacity not exceeding 400 litres	8418302091
	Of a capacity exceeding 400 litres but not exceeding 800 litres	8418308091
Freezers of the upright type, not exceeding 900 litres capacity.	Of a capacity not exceeding 250 litres	8418402091
	Of a capacity exceeding 250 litres but not 900 litres	8418408091
Other furniture (chests, cabinets, display counters, showcases and the like) for storage and display, incorporating refrigerating or freezing equipment	Refrigerated showcases and counters (incorporating a refrigerating unit or evaporator)- For frozen food storage	8418501110
	Refrigerated showcases and counters (incorporating a refrigerating unit or evaporator)- Other	8418501910
	Other refrigerating furniture	8418509010
Other refrigerating or freezing equipment; heat pumps	Heat pumps other than air conditioning machines of heading 8415	8418610091
	Other	8418690091
Parts	Evaporator composed of aluminium fins and a copper coil of the kind used in refrigeration equipment	8418991051
	Condenser composed of two concentric copper tubes of the kind used in refrigeration equipment	8418991061
	Other	8418991081
	Of refrigerating equipment adapted to the air-conditioning system, for use in certain types of aircraft	8418999099