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ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT PROFORMA

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INCIDENT / ALERT DETAILS:

The EU and UK are cutting the availability of HFC's by 79% between 2015 and 2030. OPRED would like to make Operators aware of the following ban which will be imposed from 1 January 2022.

ALERT:

From 1 January 2022 the use of F-Gas with a global warming potential of 150 or more in hermetically sealed refrigerant systems that are for commercial use are banned.

- Commercial use is defined as “use for the storage, display or dispensing of products for sale to end users in retail and food services”. Therefore, any equipment used in the offshore catering and recreational facilities which store, display or dispense products to be sold are covered under this ban.
- The ban only covers new equipment and does not require the user to dispose of existing equipment which can continue to be used until the end of its life.
- Products with recycled or reclaimed HFC's are not exempt from the ban.

Further Information

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