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Majority decision for the environment: ENVI committee backs F-Gas revision!

Brussels, 30 January 2014 – MEPs took the right decision today. After more than a year of debate and 4 triilogue meetings at the end of last year, the next step in the decision making process towards a revised F-gas regulation was taken today.

The European Heat Pump Association (EHPA) is convinced that the members of the European Parliament’s environment committee have taken the right decision in adopting the F-gas compromise text with a large majority. This opens the way for agreement by the Plenary, where a positive outcome of the vote is expected at the meeting in March.

Industry has high hopes for a quick finalisation of the file, as this is a needed prerequisite for planning security, investment decisions and the direction of internal research and development programmes.

Thomas Nowak (Secretary General of EHPA): “The backing of the agreement by ENVI members was an important step towards the final version of the F-gas review. Industry hopes for the same decisiveness from the Plenary and subsequently from the Council. Only a quick finalisation will create the legal certainty required by industry to start working on delivering its contribution to the phase down. It will trigger the phasing in of alternative refrigerants for product groups where this is feasible already today and it will kick-off research and development for those product groups, where the alternatives are still unclear. It is also up for the European Commission to back the transition to alternatives by earmarking funds in Horizion 2020 to support the use of low GWP refrigerants in heat pump related R&D.”

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The Brussels based European Heat Pump Association EEIG (EHPA) represents the majority of the European heat pump industry. It has more than 107 members from all parts of the industry’s value chain: heat pump and component manufacturers, research institutes, universities, testing labs and energy agencies. Its key goal is to promote awareness and proper deployment of heat pump technology in the European market place for residential, commercial and industrial application. EHPA coordinates the European Quality label for heat pumps and the EUCERT education and training scheme for heat pump installers. EHPA compiles the annual heat pump sales statistics and market outlook. For more information, please visit: www.ehpa.org.