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EP Plenary adopts F-Gas revision: heat pump industry ready to go forward!

Strasbourg, 12 March 2014 – The European Parliament cleared the way for finalising the F-gas file by adopting the consolidated text in today's plenary session. As such it is very likely that the Regulation will be published before summer. Such a quick finalisation is favourable to the heat pump industry as it creates a clear framework to go forward, a.o. with regards to research and development as well as investment decisions.

The European Heat Pump Association (EHPA) strongly believes that the members of the European Parliament's plenary have taken the right decision in adopting the consolidated F-gas text with a large majority. This only leaves the Council to formally endorse the Regulation before the text can go into translation and publication.

The heat pump 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 adoption of the agreement the plenary was another important step towards the final version of the F-gas review. Industry hopes for the same decisiveness from the Member States in the weeks to come. 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 Horizon 2020 to support the research and development on heat pump systems using low GWP refrigerants."

Apart from voting for the regulation, Member States also have to work on the modification of administrative procedures to allow the employment of new substances.

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Note to the editor

The Brussels based European Heat Pump Association EEIG (EHPA) represents the majority of the European heat pump industry. It has more than **109 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.