EC publishes new F-gas regulation

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The European Commission has published the new F-gas regulations in the Official Journal of the European Union.

The European Parliament, Council and Commission created the requested framework for planning security, investment decisions, and the direction of internal research and development programmes.

European Heat Pump Association secretary general Thomas Nowak said: "The whole sector is committed to working hard towards delivering its contribution to the phase-down, which will trigger the usage of alternative (lower-GWP) 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."

As the regulations will officially apply from 2015 onwards, the commission and member states will now need to work on the implementation – including modification of administrative procedures to allow the employment of new substances.

At the same time EHPA would also like to call on the European Commission to back this transition to alternatives by earmarking funds in Horizon 2020 to support the research and development on heat pump systems using low-GWP refrigerants.

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