

Notice to importers in the European Union that propose to import in 2006 controlled substances that deplete the ozone layer under Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council on 'substances that deplete the ozone layer' ⁽¹⁾

(2005/C 168/07)

- I. This Notice is addressed to undertakings that intend to import the following substances into the European Community from sources outside the European Community from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006.

Group I: CFC 11, 12, 113, 114 or 115

Group II: other fully halogenated CFCs

Group III: halon 1211, 1301 or 2402

Group IV: carbon tetrachloride

Group V: 1,1,1 trichloroethane

Group VI: methyl bromide

Group VII: hydrobromofluorocarbons

Group VIII: hydrochlorofluorocarbons

Group IX: Bromochloromethane

- II. Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 requires that quantitative limits be determined and quotas allocated to producers and importers for 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006 in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 18(2) for the import of the substances listed under Groups I to IX of Annex I to this Notice ⁽²⁾.

Quotas shall be allocated for:

- a. **Methyl bromide**, for Quarantine and Pre-Shipment (QPS) uses as defined by the Parties to the Montreal Protocol; and to users for critical uses, in accordance with Decisions IX/6, Ex.I/3, Ex.I/4 and any other relevant criteria agreed by the Parties to the Montreal Protocol and Article 3(2)(ii) of the Regulation; both QPS and critical uses approved by the Commission, pursuant to Article 18 of the Regulation;
- b. Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs);
- c. **Essential uses** in accordance with the criteria set out in Decisions IV/25 of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol and Article 3(1) of the Regulation; and as approved by the Commission, pursuant to Article 18 of the Regulation. A separate notice regarding Essential Uses has been published;
- d. **Feedstock uses**, as controlled substances transformed in a process in which it is entirely converted from its original composition;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 244 of 29.9.2000, p. 1, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2077/2004, OJ L 359 of 4.12.2004, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ Controlled substances or mixtures which are imported in a manufactured product (other than a container used for the transport or storage of the substance) are excluded from the scope of this notice.

- e. **Process agents**, as controlled substances used as chemical processing agents in existing installations, where emissions are insignificant;
- f. **Destruction**, as controlled substances that are to be destroyed by a technology approved by the Parties to the Montreal Protocol which results in the permanent transformation, or decomposition of all or a significant portion of the substance.

The quantitative limit, which producers and importers may place on the market and/or use for their own account within the European Community in 2006, is calculated:

- For methyl bromide for QPS use from 1996-1998 (average) according to Article 4(2)(iii);
- According to Article 4(4), the placing on the market and use of methyl bromide is permitted to meet the licensed requests for critical uses of those users identified as laid down in Article 3(2);
- For HCFCs according to Article 4(3)(i)(e).

III. Undertakings engaged in the importation of HCFCs can be either:

- **Importers** who imported in 1999 and who wish to place HCFCs on the European Community market and who are not engaged in the production of HCFCs,
- European Community **producers** who imported in 1999 on their own account additional HCFCs to place on the European Community market.

IV. The quantities imported from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006 are subject to import licences. In accordance with Article 6 of the Regulation, undertakings may import the controlled substances only if they are in possession of an import licence issued by the Commission.

V. Under Article 22 of the Regulation, the importation of new substance listed in Annex II of the Regulation is prohibited, except for feedstock uses.

VI. For the purposes of the Regulation, quantities of substances are measured according to their Ozone Depleting Potential ⁽¹⁾.

VII. The Commission hereby gives notice to an undertaking that is not in possession of a quota for 2005 and who wishes to apply to the Commission for an import quota from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006, to make itself known to the Commission **no later than 2 September 2005**.

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VIII Enterprises with a quota in 2005 should make a declaration by completing and submitting the relevant form(s) on page <http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/ozone/ods.htm> of EUROPA internet site. Only applications received by **2 September 2005** will be considered by the Commission.

A copy of the application should also be sent to the competent authority of the Member State (cf. Annex II).

⁽¹⁾ For mixtures: only the quantity of the controlled substances in the mixture should be included in the ODP quantity. 1,1,1-trichloroethane is always put on the market with stabilisers. Importers should establish from their supplier what is the percentage of stabiliser to be deducted before calculating the ODP-weighted tonnage.

- IX. Once the applications have been received, they will be considered by the European Commission and import quotas will be set for each importer and producer in consultation with the Management Committee following the procedures specified under Article 18 of the Regulation. The allocated quota will be available on the ODS-website <http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/ozone/ods.htm> and all applicants will have the Decision notified by post.
 - X. In order to import controlled substances in 2006, undertakings in receipt of a quota must apply to the Commission via the ODS-website for an import licence using the import licence application. Provided the Commission services are satisfied that the request is in accordance with the quota authorised and conforms to the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000, an import licence will be issued. The Commission reserves the right to withhold an import licence when the substance to be imported is not as described or may not be used for the purposes authorised or cannot be imported in compliance with Regulation.
 - XI. Producers who import recovered or reclaimed substances, if any, are required to submit additional information with each licence application regarding the source and destination of the substance, and the processing to be undertaken. A certificate of analysis may also be requested. Importers are obliged to have destruction facilities and therefore the owner of the destruction facility would be expected to apply for the licence to import ODS for destruction.
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ANNEX I

Substances covered

| Group | Substances | Ozone-depleting Potential (!) |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| Group I | CFCl ₃ (CFC 11) | 1,0 |
| | CF ₂ Cl ₂ (CFC 12) | 1,0 |
| | C ₂ F ₃ Cl ₃ (CFC 113) | 0,8 |
| | C ₂ F ₄ Cl ₂ (CFC 114) | 1,0 |
| | C ₂ F ₅ Cl (CFC 115) | 0,6 |
| Group II | CF ₃ Cl (CFC 13) | 1,0 |
| | C ₂ FCl ₅ (CFC 111) | 1,0 |
| | C ₂ F ₂ Cl ₄ (CFC 112) | 1,0 |
| | C ₃ FCl ₇ (CFC 211) | 1,0 |
| | C ₃ F ₂ Cl ₆ (CFC 212) | 1,0 |
| | C ₃ F ₃ Cl ₅ (CFC 213) | 1,0 |
| | C ₃ F ₄ Cl ₄ (CFC 214) | 1,0 |
| | C ₃ F ₅ Cl ₃ (CFC 215) | 1,0 |
| | C ₃ F ₆ Cl ₂ (CFC 216) | 1,0 |
| | C ₃ F ₇ Cl (CFC 217) | 1,0 |
| | Group III | CF ₂ BrCl (halon 1211) |
| CF ₃ Br (halon 1301) | | 10,0 |
| C ₂ F ₄ Br ₂ (halon 2402) | | 6,0 |
| Group IV | CCl ₄ (carbon tetrachloride) | 1,1 |
| Group V | C ₂ H ₃ Cl ₃ (?) (1,1,1-trichloroethane) | 0,1 |
| Group VI | CH ₃ Br (methyl bromide) | 0,6 |
| Group VII | CHFBr ₂ | 1,00 |
| | CHF ₂ Br | 0,74 |
| | CH ₂ FBr | 0,73 |
| | C ₂ HFBr ₄ | 0,8 |
| | C ₂ HF ₂ Br ₃ | 1,8 |
| | C ₂ HF ₃ Br ₂ | 1,6 |
| | C ₂ HF ₄ Br | 1,2 |
| | C ₂ H ₂ FBr ₃ | 1,1 |
| | C ₂ H ₂ F ₂ Br ₂ | 1,5 |
| | C ₂ H ₂ F ₃ Br | 1,6 |
| | C ₂ H ₃ FBr ₂ | 1,7 |
| | C ₂ H ₃ F ₂ Br | 1,1 |
| | C ₂ H ₄ FBr | 0,1 |
| | C ₃ HFBr ₆ | 1,5 |
| | C ₃ HF ₂ Br ₅ | 1,9 |
| | C ₃ HF ₃ Br ₄ | 1,8 |
| | C ₃ HF ₄ Br ₃ | 2,2 |
| | C ₃ HF ₅ Br ₂ | 2,0 |
| | C ₃ HF ₆ Br | 3,3 |
| | C ₃ H ₂ FBr ₅ | 1,9 |
| | C ₃ H ₂ F ₂ Br ₄ | 2,1 |
| | C ₃ H ₂ F ₃ Br ₃ | 5,6 |
| | C ₃ H ₂ F ₄ Br ₂ | 7,5 |
| | C ₃ H ₂ F ₅ Br | 1,4 |
| | C ₃ H ₃ FBr ₄ | 1,9 |
| | C ₃ H ₃ F ₂ Br ₃ | 3,1 |
| | C ₃ H ₃ F ₃ Br ₂ | 2,5 |
| | C ₃ H ₃ F ₄ Br | 4,4 |
| | C ₃ H ₄ FBr ₃ | 0,3 |
| | C ₃ H ₄ F ₂ Br ₂ | 1,0 |
| | C ₃ H ₄ F ₃ Br | 0,8 |
| | C ₃ H ₅ FBr ₂ | 0,4 |
| | C ₃ H ₅ F ₂ Br | 0,8 |
| C ₃ H ₆ FBr | 0,7 | |

| Group | Substances | Ozone-depleting Potential ⁽¹⁾ |
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| Group VIII | CHFCl ₂ (HCFC 21) ⁽²⁾ | 0,040 |
| | CHF ₂ Cl (HCFC 22) ⁽²⁾ | 0,055 |
| | CH ₂ FCl (HCFC 31) | 0,020 |
| | C ₂ HFCl ₄ (HCFC 121) | 0,040 |
| | C ₂ HF ₂ Cl ₃ (HCFC 122) | 0,080 |
| | C ₂ HF ₃ Cl ₂ (HCFC 123) ⁽²⁾ | 0,020 |
| | C ₂ HF ₄ Cl (HCFC 124) ⁽²⁾ | 0,022 |
| | C ₂ H ₂ FCl ₃ (HCFC 131) | 0,050 |
| | C ₂ H ₂ F ₂ Cl ₂ (HCFC 132) | 0,050 |
| | C ₂ H ₂ F ₃ Cl (HCFC 133) | 0,060 |
| | C ₂ H ₃ FCl ₂ (HCFC 141) | 0,070 |
| | CH ₃ CFCl ₂ (HCFC 141b) ⁽²⁾ | 0,110 |
| | C ₂ H ₃ F ₂ Cl (HCFC 142) | 0,070 |
| | CH ₃ CF ₂ Cl (HCFC 142b) ⁽²⁾ | 0,065 |
| | C ₂ H ₄ FCl (HCFC 151) | 0,005 |
| | C ₃ HFCl ₆ (HCFC 221) | 0,070 |
| | C ₃ HF ₂ Cl ₅ (HCFC 222) | 0,090 |
| | C ₃ HF ₃ Cl ₄ (HCFC 223) | 0,080 |
| | C ₃ HF ₄ Cl ₃ (HCFC 224) | 0,090 |
| | C ₃ HF ₅ Cl ₂ (HCFC 225) | 0,070 |
| | CF ₃ CF ₂ CHCl ₂ (HCFC 225ca) ⁽²⁾ | 0,025 |
| | CF ₂ ClCF ₂ CHClF (HCFC 225cb) ⁽²⁾ | 0,033 |
| | C ₃ HF ₆ Cl (HCFC 226) | 0,100 |
| | C ₃ H ₂ FCl ₅ (HCFC 231) | 0,090 |
| | C ₃ H ₂ F ₂ Cl ₄ (HCFC 232) | 0,100 |
| | C ₃ H ₂ F ₃ Cl ₃ (HCFC 233) | 0,230 |
| | C ₃ H ₂ F ₄ Cl ₂ (HCFC 234) | 0,280 |
| | C ₃ H ₂ F ₅ Cl (HCFC 235) | 0,520 |
| | C ₃ H ₃ FCl ₄ (HCFC 241) | 0,090 |
| | C ₃ H ₃ F ₂ Cl ₃ (HCFC 242) | 0,130 |
| | C ₃ H ₃ F ₃ Cl ₂ (HCFC 243) | 0,120 |
| | C ₃ H ₃ F ₄ Cl (HCFC 244) | 0,140 |
| C ₃ H ₄ FCl ₃ (HCFC 251) | 0,010 | |
| C ₃ H ₄ F ₂ Cl ₂ (HCFC 252) | 0,040 | |
| C ₃ H ₄ F ₃ Cl (HCFC 253) | 0,030 | |
| C ₃ H ₅ FCl ₂ (HCFC 261) | 0,020 | |
| C ₃ H ₅ F ₂ Cl (HCFC 262) | 0,020 | |
| C ₃ H ₆ FCl (HCFC 271) | 0,030 | |
| Group IX | CH ₂ BrCl Halon 1011/bromochloromethane | 0,120 |

⁽¹⁾ These ozone-depleting potentials are estimates based on existing knowledge and will be reviewed and revised periodically in the light of decisions taken by the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

⁽²⁾ This formula does not refer to 1,1,2-trichloroethane.

⁽³⁾ Identifies the most commercially-viable substance as prescribed in the Protocol.

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