

Alert:
**Information you need to know and
action you need to take – NOW!**

Air-conditioning refrigerant regulations – act now to avoid fines – free information

Regulations that stem back to the Montreal Protocol and designed to greatly reduce the production and use of CFCs have been strengthened with even greater restrictions on the use of certain gases, believed to be responsible for damage to the Ozone layer and contributing to Global warming. Rules regarding inspections related to refrigerants such as those used in air-conditioning have not been widely adhered to, but if your air-conditioning system uses Fluorinated Gases (FGAS) such as R410a, R134a, R407c or HCFC refrigerants such as R22 you should be taking action **now**. And that includes many domestic systems and those used in shops and restaurants as well as larger installations in offices and factories.

If you are unsure of which refrigerants your system uses then speak to your air-con supplier now or call us for a free inspection.

Our five point checklist is designed to ensure that you are able to comply with the rules in a cost-effective and practical way – and of course to help you avoid any fines for non compliance.

1. Check now: is your air-conditioning system dependent on Fluorinated Gases or R22 refrigerants – if you do not know, check with your supplier or call us.
2. You must ensure you have regular inspections – these depend on the size of your system:
 - a. 3Kg or more needs to be inspected **once a year**
 - b. 30Kg or more needs to be inspected **every six months**
 - c. 300Kg or more needs to be inspected **every three months**
3. The inspections **MUST** be carried out by a certified person
4. It will not be possible to purchase virgin R22 refrigerant after 31st December 2009 and will not be able use any form of R22 either virgin from stock or recycled from 2015 so if you are thinking of replacing your air-conditioning in the next few years, now is the time to think about what type of system and to plan ahead
5. Accurate records of each inspection must be kept with notes made of any refrigerant replaced or added to and refrigerants extracted must be disposed of correctly or recycled in an appropriate way

If you are in any doubt about whether or not your air-conditioning is affected by these regulations you are urged to contact your supplier or Ergro now. If you have multiple installations or use more than one contractor you'll be pleased to know that we often work alongside other suppliers seamlessly. We are able to assist you with the system you need to ensure that all your systems comply no matter where they are or how many maintenance or service contractors are involved.

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