The new legal requirements

Fluorinated greenhouse gases can only be sold to and purchased by certified undertakings for the following purposes:

- Installation, servicing, maintenance or repair of stationary air conditioning, refrigeration and heat pump equipment (RACHP equipment);
- Installation, servicing, maintenance or repair of refrigeration units of refrigerated trucks and trailers:
- Servicing and repairing of air-conditioning units on road vehicles.

According to the previous legislation, only certified installers could take delivery of fluorinated greenhouse gases.

This has now changed!

The revised F-gas Regulation now requires distributors to ensure that the buyer of fluorinated greenhouse gases holds the appropriate certificate.

About AREA

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A practical guide for distributors



This AREA Guide aims to provide a practical tool for distributors to help them fulfil their obligations under the F-Gas Regulation.

What must distributors do?

Distributors must now establish and maintain records of relevant information on the purchaser, including:

- Certification number of the purchaser
- Quantities of refrigerant purchased

These records must be kept for 5 years and made available upon request from a national authority or the European Commission.

Concretely, for each sale distributors will have to check the buyer's certification number and record it together with the quantity of refrigerant purchased.

The flowchart helps you to decide what type of refrigerant can be supplied to whom.



Distributors must now check the buyer's certification number and the quantity of refrigerant purchased



5 years

and they need to keep this in their records for 5 years

