

Annex 1

Key Terminology

For most of the terminology used herein, definitions can be found in Article 2 of the EU F-Gas Regulation. The following key terms are provided below for convenience.

Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs): the substances listed in section 1 of Annex I, or mixtures containing any of those substances.

Producer: a company that manufactures HFCs in the European Union; producers place HFCs on the European market when they supply them to third parties or use them internally for their own account.

Importer: a company that imports HFCs manufactured outside the European Union; importers place HFCs on the European market upon release by customs for free circulation.

Carbon Dioxide Equivalence (CO₂e): a quantity of greenhouse gases, expressed as the product of the weight of the greenhouse gases in metric tonnes and of their global warming potential.

Operator: the natural or legal person exercising actual power over the technical functioning of products and equipment covered by the EU F-Gas Regulation; an EU Member State may, in defined, specific situations, designate the owner as being responsible for the operator's obligations.

Placing on the Market: means supplying or making available to another party in the European Union for the first time, for payment or free of charge, or using for its own account in the case of a producer, and includes customs release for free circulation in the European Union.

Undertaking: any natural or legal person who:

- (a) produces, uses, recovers, collects, recycles, reclaims, or destroys fluorinated greenhouse gases;
- (b) imports or exports fluorinated greenhouse gases or products and equipment that contain such gases;
- (c) places on the market fluorinated greenhouse gases or products and equipment that contain, or whose functioning relies upon, such gases;
- (d) installs, services, maintains, repairs, checks for leaks or decommissions equipment that contains, or whose functioning relies upon, fluorinated greenhouse gases;
- (e) is the operator of equipment that contains, or whose functioning relies upon, fluorinated greenhouse gases;
- (f) produces, imports, exports, places on the market or destroys gases listed in Annex II; or
- (g) places on the market products or equipment containing gases listed in Annex II.

Competent Authority: the government body in the EU Member State charged with oversight and enforcement of the EU F-Gas Regulation.

Recovery: the act of collecting HFCs from products, containers and equipment during service or maintenance or prior to disposal of the products and equipment.

Reclamation: the act of recovering used HFCs from equipment and reprocessing to match the equivalent performance of virgin substances.

Recycling: the act of recovering HFCs from equipment and cleaning through a basic process.