

ACRIB F GAS FACT SHEET



Checklist for Contractors

The ACRIB (Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Industry Board) F Gas Implementation group brings together all of the key trade associations and professional bodies representing the sector to help communicate obligations and provide guidance on interpretation of the F Gas Regulations. The check list below is designed to help you plan to meet some of the major requirements of the F Gas Regulations. You should verify legal requirements affecting your company and your work with F Gas Support to ensure full compliance.

- Use only qualified personnel for installation, commissioning, service or other refrigerant handling activities on stationary RAC systems that use over 3kg HFC or HCFC refrigerants. Ensure relevant personnel have either an interim qualification (CITB J01 or C&G 2078) or one of the new F Gas Qualifications (CITB J11-14 or C&G2079)
- Apply for a company F Gas Certificate if you employ relevant F Gas personnel by 4th July 2009 (Government have appointed REFCOM as a certificate issuing body)
- Check all newly installed equipment for leakage immediately after installation
- Fit any new system placed on the market or fitted with a label clearly stating the type and quantity of HFC refrigerant used and if “hermetically sealed”.
- Return any containers you use to fill equipment with refrigerant so that any remaining gas can be recovered and if appropriate they can be re-used.
- Keep records of personnel qualifications & training, imports & exports outside EC, recovery of HCFCs that you intend to resell after 1st Jan 2010 (details are awaited on the format of these records), and make a record for any of your own in-house RAC systems.
- By July 2011 ensure all relevant personnel have the new F Gas Qualifications (CITB J11-14 or C&G2079)
- Advise your customers that they have a legal responsibility as the operator to keep records of relevant information specifically identifying any stationary RAC equipment on site that contains 3 kg or more of HFC refrigerant;
- Advise your customers know that ‘automatic leak detection systems’ must be fitted to new stationary systems containing 300 kgs or more of F gas then they are installed.
- Advise your customers that they have a legal responsibility as the operator to keep records of relevant information specifically identifying any stationary RAC equipment on site that contains 3 kg or more of HFC refrigerant; that they must ensure that leak checks are carried out and recorded on relevant systems, and that they must ensure that any leaks identified are repaired and rechecked within a month.

You can obtain more information about these requirements from F-Gas support who publish a range of free detailed guidance notes at www.defra.gov.uk/fgas.