



The countdown has begun

4: JULY

Are you F-Gas registered yet?

# *Appointed certification body*

- **Register of Companies Competent to Handle Refrigerants**
  - Established in 1994 by HVCA
  - Voluntary scheme continues in operation to higher standards than required by the F gas Regulations
  - Appointed by Defra (GB regulations) and the Department of Environment (NI regulations) in June 2009 to issue F gas Company Certificates and carry out risk-based audits

# Scope

- **The basics**

- If your business carries out installation, maintenance or servicing of stationary refrigeration, air conditioning or heat pump equipment that contains or is designed to contain F gas refrigerants then you must obtain either an [interim company certificate](#) or a [stationary equipment qualification company certificate \(full certificate\)](#) by 4 July 2009.

# Key words & phrases

- **Business** – applies to:
  - sole traders through to plcs
  - contractors and end-users
- **Installation, maintenance or service**
  - applies to all activities in the SRAC sector
- **Contains** – note that “contains” also includes:
  - “designed to contain”

# ***Certification requirements***

- **Interim Certificates**

- Valid until 4 July 2011
- Basic business information

## **Engineers qualified to at least:**

- CITB J01;
- C&G 2078;
- in-house/DASA/WTA for smaller systems

# ***Certification requirements***

- **Full Certificates**

- Valid for three years from date of issue

## **Engineers qualified to:**

- CITB J11 – J14
- C&G 2079

## **Confirmation of:**

- Appropriate recovery systems available and in use
- Refrigerant handling procedures in place and in use

# *Application & payment*

- **www.refcom.org.uk**
  - full explanation of the regulations and detailed FAQs
  - on-line application and payment
  - request or download postal application
- **Cost** - *excl VAT*
  - Interim Certificates - £70 to £350
  - Full Certificates - £140 to £800
- **Certificates**
  - Issued within ten working days
  - Inclusion on public listing of certificated businesses

# *Application detail*

- **Business details**

- Name, address & contact details
- Number of refrigerant engineers
- Contractor or end-user
- Type of work undertaken - % split
- In-scope turnover
- Full certificate only - recovery systems & handling procedures

- **Engineer details**

- Including qualification type, certificate number, expiry date

# ***Business benefits***

- **It's the law**
  - Businesses without a certificate after 4 July will be operating illegally and subject to Local Authority enforcement
- **Suppliers**
  - Gas and equipment suppliers will expect certification
- **Customers**
  - Placed at risk of prosecution



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