

# Mobile Air-Conditioning Obligations

F-gas Regulation (EU) No 517/2014

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**Important information for wholesalers, retailers, technicians and end users of mobile air-conditioning refrigerant and equipment**

## Defra Statement on the sale of F-gas for servicing mobile air-conditioning in cars and light vehicles

In June 2015 the Environment Agency issued a notice to F-gas wholesalers, retailers and technicians in the mobile air-conditioning sector. The notice explained that it was no longer legal to sell F-gas refrigerant, for the servicing of mobile air-conditioning (MAC) in passenger cars, unless the customer purchasing the gas could demonstrate that the person intending to install it held a qualification in refrigerant recovery.

This was based on advice from the European Commission that Article 11(4) of the 2014 EU Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases Regulation (Regulation 517/2014) prohibited sales to unqualified people for the purpose of servicing MAC in cars.

On issue of the notice, the European Commission's interpretation of the legislation was questioned by UK industry stakeholders and Defra sought additional legal advice. Following further examination of the legislation, Defra believes that such restrictions do not apply for the servicing of MAC, only for the recovery of F-gases from such systems.

Therefore, the UK Government believes that it remains legal to sell F-gases for use in mobile air-conditioning systems to those who do not hold recovery qualifications.

Such F-gas products must, nevertheless, still comply with the provisions of the 2014 Regulation, which requires that they are only sold in refillable containers (Article 11(1) and Annex III) with suitable provision having been made for its return for refilling.

In summary:

- You must hold a suitable qualification to recover refrigerant from mobile air-conditioning systems
- A recovery certificate is not required to purchase F-gas for use in MAC systems



## Further F- gas information and guidance

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