



REFCOM History

Shortly to be appointed by the Secretary of State as the UK's mandatory F-Gas company certification body, REFCOM is perfectly positioned to enable businesses to comply with European Commission F-Gas Regulation No 842/2006, which comes into force in the UK through *The Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (FGG) Regulations 2009*.

REFCOM, formerly a subsidiary of the Heating and Ventilating Contractors' Association (HVCA), has been running a voluntary registration scheme for the stationary refrigeration and air-conditioning (SRAC) sector since 1994, originally to promote the responsible handling of ozone depleting refrigerant gases. The scheme recognised early on the need for controlled handling of fluorinated gases - widely used in the industry for their stable, non-flammable and energy efficient qualities, but with a high global warming potential if released.

REFCOM's aims have always been to assist businesses in the SRAC sector to comply with current legislation; operate in line with industry best practice; and encourage their operatives to be suitably trained and competent.

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This focus has won the scheme recognition in the air conditioning and refrigeration industries and from the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Industry Board (ACRIB), and placed it in an excellent position to help businesses comply with the European Commission's Fluorinated Gases Regulation EC842/2006, when it was introduced in July 2007. Now REFCOM's expertise can assist businesses in the SRAC sector become certified before the July 4 deadline required by the UK FGG Regulations.

For further information, to talk to advisors, or to apply for certification, visit the REFCOM stand (H50) at the RAC09 show or visit www.refcom.org.uk.

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