

Malaysia enacts new rules on CFCs and halons

In Malaysia, the Department of Environment has issued two new regulations pertaining to CFCs and halons – the Environmental Quality (Refrigerant Management) and Environmental Quality (Halon Management). These new rules impose a complete ban on all new chillers using CFCs and fire-fighting systems using halons, two ODS which Malaysia is committed to phase out under the Montreal Protocol. Chillers and fire-fighting systems installed prior to the coming of effect of the new regulations are required to declare their ownership to the Department of Environment and draw up plans of action. The new rulings came into effect on 1 January 2000. (Website: <http://www.fmm.org.my/northern/circular/2000/26-00.html>)