

New rules on ODS smuggling promulgated in India

In India, the Ministry of Environment and Forests recently published new regulations to control ODS in the country. Some key features of the new regulations include:

- Ban on the use of CFCs in equipment manufactured after January 2003;
- Restrictions on import and export of ODS and equipment containing ODS;
- Consumers, traders, wholesalers and other users of ODS are required to register with relevant authorities; and
- Introduction of phase-out dates in the production and consumption sector ahead of the grace period allowed to Article 5 nations under the Montreal Protocol.

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