

## **Environmental labelling of ODS substitutes in China**

In China, the State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) has stipulated six technical prerequisites for environmental labelling of household refrigeration appliances. This step brings the total products that can be approved for environmental labelling to 40 categories. Presently, eight categories of ODS substitutes have been included in the accreditation for environmental labelling, namely:

- Aerosol products;
- Pesticides;
- Degradable plastic packaging materials;
- Commercial and industrial refrigeration equipment;
- Fire extinguishers;
- ODS substitution products;
- CFC-free foaming plastics; and
- Household refrigeration appliances.

As per the new requirement, the substitution of CFCs in the accredited household refrigeration appliances for environmental labelling must be increased from 50 to 100 per cent. To date, China Committee of Product Accreditation for Environmental Labelling has issued environmental labels to over 200 kinds of ozone-related products. (Ozone Action in China, No. 25, March 2000)