



Update on 2025 Ban on Single Split Air-Conditioning Systems with a GWP of more than 750

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The 2025 ban

In accordance with Annex III of Regulation 517/2014 as amended and assimilated in UK legislation: **single split air-conditioning systems containing less than 3 kg of fluorinated greenhouse gases, that contain, or whose functioning relies upon, fluorinated greenhouse gases with a global warming potential (GWP) of 750 or more, were banned from being placed on the Great Britain market from 1 January 2025.**

'Single split air conditioning systems' means systems for room air conditioning that consist of one outdoor unit and one indoor unit linked by refrigerant piping, needing installation at the site of usage.

Common fluorinated greenhouse gases that this ban will apply to are R-407C and R-410A.

Reduction in the use of HFCs

Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) are powerful greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.

UK legislation is phasing down the amount of new HFCs coming onto the market in Great Britain, with a target cut of 79% by 2030. This will make refrigerants with a higher GWP harder to obtain and more expensive.

Undertakings that do not comply with the 2025 ban are breaking the law and are liable for enforcement action.

The Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases Regulations 2015 (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/310/contents/made>), as amended by the Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/98/made>), enable regulators in England and Scotland to issue civil penalties up to £200,000 to undertakings breaching the requirements of the Regulations. Enforcement notices and possible fines can also be applied by enforcing authorities/courts in Wales for breaches of F-gas provisions.

What you will need to do

Single split air conditioning systems containing fluorinated greenhouse gases with a GWP of 750 or more cannot be placed on the market in Great Britain.

Placing on the market in Great Britain means supplying or making available to another party in any part of Great Britain for the first time, for payment or free of charge, or using for its own account in the case of a producer, and includes customs release for free circulation in any part of Great Britain.

These goods can be sold after 1 January 2025 by retailers/resellers if they were released for free circulation in Great Britain before 1 January 2025. You will need to demonstrate that goods falling into this category advertised for sale were placed on the market in GB before 1 January 2025.

If you are unsure if this ban applies to you, check which category your product falls into and which HFC it uses with your manufacturer and/or supplier.

If you are a manufacturer of these products, please provide this guidance document to the retailers you supply.

What equipment will be prohibited?

Stationary single split air-conditioning systems which process or treat air to meet the requirements of a conditioned space by controlling its temperature, humidity, cleanliness or distribution are covered by this prohibition.

The prohibition does not apply to:

- Stationary single split air-conditioning systems which are used solely for the cooling of products. These units are considered to be refrigeration equipment.
- Air to water single split system air-conditioning systems
- Single split air-conditioning systems fitted to maritime craft.



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This is aligned with the EU interpretation of the legislation.

If you are unsure whether your product is covered by the prohibition/want further information on a product that may or not fit within the definitions above you should contact the Environment Agency.

Further guidance

For more information about the requirements of UK legislation, such as equipment operators' responsibility to ensure that HFC refrigerants are properly managed, recovered or destroyed by qualified persons / fluorinated greenhouse gases certified companies at the end of their service life, read the following guidance: [Fluorinated gas \(F gas\): guidance for users, producers and traders - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/fluorinated-gas-f-gas-guidance-for-users-producers-and-traders)

Consult your product manufacturer and/or supplier for information on climate friendly alternatives.

Consult your trade association for further advice and guidance.

The main enforcing authorities in Great Britain are the Environment Agency, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Natural Resources Wales, Welsh Government and Welsh local authorities.