

# Restrictions on the import of ozone-depleting substances to Russia

A temporary quantitative restriction on the import of ozone-depleting substances to the Russian Federation in 2017 has been introduced. The purpose of the adopted decisions is to ensure a stable market of ozone-depleting substances, which are not produced in Russia, and to prevent the growth of prices for such substances. These regulatory measures contribute to the preservation of the ozone layer of the atmosphere.

## **Reference**

The document was developed by the Natural Resources Ministry to implement Russian Government Resolution No 228 of 24 March 2014, On Measures for the State Regulation of the Consumption and Circulation of Substances Depleting the Ozone Layer, and to ensure compliance with Russia's obligations under the 1985 Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the 1987 Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

There are formulas for the annual calculation of the permissible production of ozone-depleting substances in Russia and the annual calculation of the share of specific ozone-depleting substances in the permissible consumption of ozone-depleting substances (approved by order of the Ministry of Natural Resources of Russia).

Russian Government Directive No 2693-r of 15 December 2016 specifies the amount of ozone-depleting substances allowed for import to the Russian Federation in 2017.

The signed resolution introduced temporary quantitative restrictions on the import of ozone-depleting substance to Russia in 2017.

The document was also supplemented by the provision that when distributing the volume of ozone-depleting substances to be imported to Russia in 2017 between applicants (hereinafter referred to as ODS volumes), 60 percent of the ODS volume will be distributed among applicants who imported ozone-depleting substances in 2016, 35 percent of the ODS volume – between applicants who did not import ozone-depleting substances in 2016, and 5 percent of the ODS volume – between applicants who submitted applications for importing in 2016 but did not import such substances.

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