



### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources announces that effective January 1, 1999, the ban on the importation and consumption of **CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS (CFCs)**, and **HALONS**, identified as among the **major ozone-depleting substances (ODS)**, for the production of new equipment is hereby imposed. This is in compliance with the Philippine's commitment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

As such, the importation and consumption of Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) for servicing old equipment may only be allowed until the year 2010.

The implication for the restriction in importation is the reduction of the volume of imports by not lower than 10% of the 1996 levels. The year 1996 is the designated production freeze schedule for developing countries. Since the Philippines is not a producer of ODSs, this is understood as 100% freeze on the importation of ODSs for new equipment.

Below is the Philippine Ozone Depleting Substances Phase-Out Schedule as mandated by Republic Act 6969 or the Regulation and Control of Chemicals and Hazardous Waste Act:

SUBSTANCE	YEAR
CFC-11 (new)	1998
CFC-11 (service)	2010
CFC-12 (new)	1998
CFC-12 (service)	2010
CFC-113	1996
CFC-114	1998
CFC-115	1998
Halon 1211	1998
Halon 1301	1998
Carbon Tetrachloride	1996
Methyl Chloroform/1,1,1 TCA	1996

The term **new** refers to CFCs being used in the production of new equipment/appliances. The term **service** refers to CFCs being used in servicing old equipment containing the said substance.

This Phase Out Schedule has been presented to the importers/industries as early as 1993.

Failure to comply with the above provisions shall be construed as violation of Republic Act 6969.

  
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