



Australian Government

**Department of the Environment,
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FACT SHEET 9

Handling refrigerant without a licence is illegal

The Australian Refrigeration Council (ARC) has identified significant numbers of tradespeople and businesses that have not renewed their Refrigerant Handling Licence or Refrigerant Trading Authorisation.

The Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA), formerly the Department of the Environment and Heritage, has advised the ARC that people operating without a licence or authorisation are to be referred to DEWHA as it is illegal and is subject to prosecution.

The ARC will now apply the resources of its auditors in identifying those people operating without licences or trading authorisations and will report these cases directly to DEWHA.

As the national licensing system for the industry is now well into its third year, more stringent adherence to the conditions of an authorisation and licence is expected by both the ARC and DEWHA under the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Regulations 1995.

For further information regarding licensing contact the ARC on 1300 88 44 83 or go to www.arctick.org