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Changes to the Regulations - April 2010

The Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Regulations 1995 were amended, with changes, effective from 20 April 2010. Some changes, outlined below, will be of interest to refrigerant handling licence (RHL) holders and refrigerant trading authorisation (RTA) holders.

Restricted Split System Air Conditioning Installation and Decommissioning Licence changes now accommodate two-part hot water and swimming pool heat pumps

The Restricted Split System Installation and Decommissioning Licence category now includes two-part hot water heat pumps (of less than 18kW). The licence has also undergone a name change and is now called the Restricted Heat Pump Installation and Decommissioning Licence. However, the code on the RHL will still stipulate 'Split system' with the conditions updated to indicate 'Split system A/C, single head to 18kW' and 'Heat pumps up to 18kW'.

Expanding the scope of the Restricted Domestic Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Appliances (Domestic) Licence

The entitlement of the domestic licence has expanded to allow the licence holder to handle fluorocarbon refrigerant during any work on drinks fridges, refrigerated vending machines, ice cream chests, frozen carbonated beverage machines (slushies) and post-mix machines.

Note that these systems must neither:

- be permanently connected to the power supply of the premises where it is installed, nor
- require the installation of pipe work to enable the movement of refrigerant.

The qualifications needed to obtain the domestic licence have not changed. Transitional drinks licence holders applying for a domestic licence after 1 July 2010 are required to demonstrate that they hold one of the appropriate qualifications.

All holders of a domestic licence are now considered entitled to conduct any work on both domestic refrigeration or air conditioning equipment and the drinks machines described above.

Advertising installation, service repairs or maintenance and using sub-contractors

The situation for individuals or businesses who advertise RAC work which they then sub-contract has been clarified. It is not an offence to advertise this type of RAC work, as long as those advertising the work already have an established agreement in place with subcontractor(s) who hold the relevant RAC permit to complete the work. The onus of proof is now with businesses that advertise the service.

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If you are a business owner advertising a service that involves RAC work you are now required to provide the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities or the ARC with proof of an established relationship with a RAC permit holder when requested to do so.

The amended Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Regulations 1995 are available to view or download through the ARC website; www.arctick.org, or for further information contact the ARC Customer Service desk on 1300 884 483.

