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- \* Are you involved in the Refrigeration, Air Conditioning or Heat pump Industry ?
- \* Does your job entail the charging, recovery, recycling, reclamation or destruction of refrigerants such as CFCs and HCFCs ?\*

If so, and your job entails the handling and use of these controlled substances then you need to hold a specific qualification. In the case of the refrigeration, air conditioning and heat pump equipment sector, the relevant qualification is the **City and Guilds Certificate in Handling Refrigerants Scheme 2078**, or equivalent.

It is a legal requirement under Irish legislation to hold this qualification. Further information on getting this qualification can be obtained from Refrigeration Skillnet ([www.refrigerationskillnet.ie](http://www.refrigerationskillnet.ie)) or John Murphy in the Dublin Institute of Technology ([john.murphy@dit.ie](mailto:john.murphy@dit.ie)). It is important to ensure that your company is sufficiently covered by appropriately qualified personnel by **31 December 2006**. By this date, each person whose business or employment involves leakage control, recovery, recycling, reclamation or destruction of controlled substances, must hold the relevant qualification, or be supervised by a person with such a qualification.

The use of controlled substances such as CFCs and HCFCs are regulated under the European Regulation (2037/2000) on substances that deplete the ozone layer. This Regulation is implemented in Ireland by the Control of Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 281 of 2006).

The Environmental Protection Agency is responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this Regulation and will be monitoring compliance with the qualification and other requirements. Further information is available on the EPA webpage:

<http://www.epa.ie/TechnicalGuidanceandAdvice/ODS/>

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\* Some refrigerants such as CFCs and HCFCs are classified as 'controlled substances' as defined in EC Regulation 2037/2000. Controlled substances are substances with ozone depleting potential. The release of these substances to the atmosphere causes significant damage to the ozone layer. Examples of controlled substances being used as refrigerants include, R-11, R-12, R-22, R-123 etc. For a full list of controlled substances please see the full text of EC Regulation 2037/2000.