

REFRIGERANTS: UPDATED MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

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Technician Certification

Starting January 1, 2018, technicians must:

- Pass a certification exam offered by an approved technician certification program in order to maintain, service, repair, or dispose of appliances containing Ozone-Depleting Substances (ODS) or substitute refrigerants. The certification exam will be updated to reflect the new rules and new refrigerants prior to this date.
- Keep a copy of their certificate at their place of business.
- Maintain a copy of their certificate until three years after no longer operating as a technician.

New Recordkeeping for Appliances with 5 to 50 Pounds of Refrigerant

Starting January 1, 2018, technicians who dispose of mid-sized appliances (e.g., residential split systems), must keep records of:

- The location, date of recovery, and type of refrigerant recovered for each disposed appliance;
- The quantity of refrigerant, by type, recovered from disposed appliances in each calendar month; and
- The quantity of refrigerant, and type, transferred for reclamation or destruction, the person to whom it was transferred, and the date of the transfer.

Maintenance, Servicing, Repair, and Disposal

Starting January 1, 2018, technicians must:

- Evacuate ODS or substitute refrigerants before opening or disposing of appliances to the evacuation levels specified in the regulations using certified recovery and/or recycling equipment.
- Before opening or disposing of motor vehicle air conditioning (MVAC) or MVAC-like appliances (e.g., cars and construction equipment),
 - ⇒ Evacuate ODS or substitute refrigerant from the appliance in accordance with 40 CFR Part 82, Subpart B, or
 - ⇒ Reduce the system pressure to below 102mm of mercury vacuum.
- * All text above is provided by the EPA.