



Climate Center, the UK's leading supplier of cooling equipment is urging customers not to wait for the impending review of F-Gas regulations to review refrigerant options.

The European Commission is finalising new controls on the use of very high global warming potential (GWP) refrigerants, with new European-wide regulations expected to be introduced in 2014.

However, Robert Franklin, who manages Climate's Center's refrigeration business, says: "The final details of the F-Gas regime are currently being worked out, but it is clear that the EU will act to reduce the use of very high GWP refrigerants in the future.

"For those whose businesses depend on such refrigerants, we advise that it would be prudent to review the options now, so that plans can be put in place to manage the transition to greener alternatives."

With significant working life expectancy for some types of cooling equipment, he believes current decisions about investments in new equipment need to take account that legislation is moving in favour of low global warming options at the expense of high GWP gases.

Climate Center has a range of reduced GWP refrigerants available, that can be used as direct

replacements for the main high global warming refrigerants currently under threat. This includes R407F, a lower GWP alternative to R404A for use in refrigeration systems.

“We are closely monitoring the current F-Gas review process, and will be keeping customers up-to-date with developments,” said Robert Franklin. “However, it is clear that there will be tougher controls and restrictions on the use of certain refrigerants, with big implications for those affected.

“We can help people plan ahead so that they are aware of the options, and have contingency plans in place to protect their businesses.”