



Up-to-date situation regarding the replacement of Halon as a fire extinguishing medium within the EEC.

We wish to inform you of the up-to-date situation regarding the application, in the Countries of the EEC, of the Montreal Protocol and the EEC 2037/00 Directive, which regards substances that damage the Ozone Layer.

The CE 2037/00 Regulation concerns the use of the gases Halon **H-1301** and **H-1211** as Fire Extinguishing Agents used in Fixed Systems and Portable Extinguishers, the production or importation of which was banned in the EEC from the 1st January 1994.

The 10/98 Law regarding the disposal of waste establishes in its article 11 that "**The possessors of waste material are obliged**, if they are not themselves involved in the business of the safe disposal of same, **to deliver them to a Company authorised for their disposal or re-cycling** or to enter into a contract to ensure their correct disposal'.

To this end the 2037/00 Directive establishes a timetable for the complete removal of these fire extinguishing agents from circulation and for their safe disposal by authorised contractors. This removal from service consists of their collection and storage for later destruction in a manner that is both safe and ecologically acceptable.

The Timetable for the removal from service of extinguishers and fixed fire fighting systems is as follows:

1. Until the **31st December 2002** it is permitted to use recycled or regenerated Halon in existing extinguishers or fire fighting systems. That is to say that such systems may be refilled or hydrostatically tested until that date.
2. From the **1st of January 2003** recharging is no longer permitted.
3. Between the **1st of January 2003** and the **31st December 2003** it is permitted to keep existing systems in service but it is no longer permitted to service them.
4. By the **31st of December 2003** ALL such systems must be removed from service and the extinguishing agent correctly disposed of.

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