

# HCFC AND HFC IMPORTERS, DEALERS, AND SERVICE PROVIDERS ATTENDS 2ND QUARTERLY IMPORTERS MEETING FOR 2024



The Second Quarterly Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) and Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) Importers Meeting concluded on June 20, 2024, at the ERLSD Building, DENR Compound, Visayas Avenue, Quezon City. The Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) and the Philippine Ozone Desk (POD) gathered HCFC and HFC importers, dealers, and service providers all over the country.

In her welcoming remarks, Director Jacqueline A. Caancan, CESO III, emphasized the significance of collective effort from all individuals and sectors to accomplish the objectives of the Montreal Protocol and achieve an ozone-friendly and climate-sensitive Philippines.

The Montreal Protocol is now in Phase 14 of its commitment to phase out the consumption of all ozone depleting substances and undertake the crafting of a proposal for phasing down HFCs.

“*Since we are now observing the freeze in HFC quota allocation, the EMB is perusing for the optimum implementation of the Kigali Implementation Plan project,” Director Caancan said.* Importers, dealers, and service providers were provided with the current status of their HFC consumption percentage and the remaining quota allocation. The POD reminded the participants about the responsible and sensible distribution and consumption of chemicals that deplete the ozone layer and affect the global climate.

During the meeting, updates on the Online Permitting and Monitoring System (OPMS) were discussed. This is an initiative of the EMB to thoroughly supervise the issuance of clearances for all ozone depleting substance importations and the registration compliance of all dealers and service providers.

Issues and concerns of the importers regarding chemical control order registration implementation for 2024 and pre-shipment importation clearance (PSIC) application validity were addressed.

The unit also shared the schedule of importers monitoring activities, where technical staff of EMB will visit and inspect the importers’ warehouse together with an officer of the respective EMB regional office. Through these monitoring activities, the unit will be confident that the importers are safely and effectively handling the substances.

The Third Quarterly Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) and Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) Importers Meeting is expected to be conducted in August, before the World Ozone Month that will be celebrated in the month of September.

