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# EHPA welcomes F-Gas regulation announcement

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**The European Heat Pump Association (EHPA) has welcomed the adoption of the F Gas regulation by the European Union, which it claims will help focus investment.**

In a statement the EHPA said: "The European Heat Pump Association (EHPA) is satisfied that the Council has adopted the consolidated F-gas text in today's meeting. Now the text can go to the legal and translation services after which it can be published in the Official Journal.

The heat pump industry has high hopes for a quick finalisation of the file, as this is a needed prerequisite for planning security, investment decisions and the direction of internal research and development programmes.

Yet in the upcoming months, it will also be up to the Member States to work on the modification of administrative procedures to allow the employment of new substances.

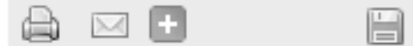
Thomas Nowak (Secretary General of EHPA): "The adoption of Council is the final important step towards the final version of the F-gas review. So of course we are happy with this.

Now, a quick finalisation can create the legal certainty required by industry to start working on delivering its contribution to the phase down.

That will trigger the usage of alternative (lower-GWP) refrigerants for product groups where this is feasible already today and it will kick-off research and development for those product groups, where the alternatives are still unclear.

EHPA would also like to call on the European Commission to back this transition to alternatives by earmarking funds in Horizon 2020 to support the research and development on heat pump systems using low-GWP refrigerants."

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