



## Special Notice

### Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment



#### **Special notice to importers, purchasers, owners and service providers of Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Equipment working on R 22 refrigerant**

As a party to the Montreal Protocol which was established to protect planet Earth from harmful rays emit from the Sun, import of HCFC 22 (R 22) refrigerant has been limited by now and will completely be banned from 2030 according to the Montreal Protocol obligations. Ozone layer depletion as well as rising of global warming has been occurring because of emission of this refrigerant to the atmosphere.

As a result of these import limitations, shortage and increase price of this refrigerant are experiencing at present and it can be especially expected in future. Therefore, maintaining of existing equipment working on R 22 refrigerant that are installed at various locations of the country will be a difficult task. The Cabinet of Ministers has already approved the banning import of brand new equipment working on R 22 (HCFC 22) refrigerant and necessary legislations are being prepared for implementing this ban.

Considering of aforementioned reasons and to avoid possible inconveniences may face, importers and public are advised to refrain from importing and purchasing Air Conditioning equipment working on R 22 (HCFC 22) refrigerant. Instead advise to purchase equipment on alternative refrigerant such as R 410 A, R 32 and R 290. This notice is issued for minimizing the financial losses that may incur to the importers and consumers by purchasing R 22 (HCFC 22) refrigerant that has been already controlled as we as to minimize the environmental damage cause by this refrigerant.

Public are hereby notified that further details could be obtained by calling (011) 2034215, (011) 2034221 or (011) 2034222 and from the website [www.mmde.gov.lk](http://www.mmde.gov.lk)

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