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**Department of the Environment,
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FACT SHEET 9

Handling refrigerant without a licence is illegal

As the national licensing system is now well established, more stringent adherence to the regulations by authorisation and licence holders is expected by both the ARC and DEWHA under the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Regulations 1995.

Under the regulations it is an offence of strict liability to acquire, possess or store refrigerant without a current Refrigerant Trading Authorisation or to handle refrigerant without a current or Refrigerant Handling Licence. Businesses or individuals conducting these activities without a current permit will be referred to DEWHA.

Businesses that acquire, possess or dispose of fluorocarbon refrigerant without a Refrigerant Trading Authorisation (RTA) commit an offence under r112 of the Regulations. The maximum penalty for this offence is \$1,100 for a natural person and \$5,500 for a corporation.

Persons or individuals that handle fluorocarbon refrigerant without a Refrigerant Handling Licence (RHL) commit an offence under r111 of the Regulation. The maximum penalty is \$1,000.

For further information regarding licensing contact the ARC on 1300 88 44 83 or go to www.arctick.org