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Minutes of the BRA Contractors' Section meeting held on 5th March 2024 at 10:30am Hybrid meeting

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Online attendees in bold

Present

Rob Lamb	Chair	Star Refrigeration
Denis McCrohan		Abbey Design Associates
Luke Marriott		Integral
Manuel Camacho		J&E Hall
Ali Ozyurt		J&E Hall
James Sansum		Ryan-Jayberg
Mike Gittoes		Wave Refrigeration
Alan Saban		Wave Refrigeration
Chris Yates		FETA
Martyn Cooper	Secretary	BRA

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed delegates to the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves.

2. FETA Competition Law Guidelines

FETA Competition Law Guidelines were highlighted to attendees. These are available in the meeting room and at www.feta.co.uk/members/events-and-meetings/schedule-of-all-feta-meetings. Signing the Attendance book or accepting the Outlook meeting notice is taken as acknowledgement of the guideline's existence.

3. Minutes of meeting held on 4th October 2023

These were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

4. F Gas

4.1 Review update EU and GB

The Secretary reported that the EU process was now complete, with the regulation coming into force on 11th March.

The GB consultation has still not been issued. We have discovered this is being written by DESNZ as it will come under the Climate Change Act.

CY noted that we are encouraging members to write to local MP's.

After some discussion it was felt the briefing document needed to be updated.

ACTION: Secretary

4.2 FETA Lobbying activity

CY shared some slides updating the planned lobbying activity with MPs on the GB F Gas proposal.

[slides attached]

A number of written parliamentary questions have been tabled, and a further meeting is being held on 6th March with a Conservative MP.

The DEFRA F Gas group have advised that our work has raised their profile within DEFRA.

5. PFAS

As reported in the last meetings minutes, the EU are still wading through the responses to their consultation, which is certain to affect their proposed timetable for rolling out bans. However, they remain wedded to banning all PFAS and then discussing derogations with industry.

The most recent UK meeting was at the end of November, where a position paper was discussed.

This treated F Gases as relatively low impact PFAS, and it remains clear that the UK will look at PFAS based on their environmental impact.

6. BRA Training Section

The Training section will be focusing on T Levels and Flammables Training.

Denis McCrohan noted there was a need for knowledge around PE(S)R and DSEAR.

Manuel Camacho noted that US regulations were very specific, but the EU gives choices. He stated that there was a need for compliance – could BRA offer an assessment process??

Alan Saban asked what level of engagement there was in this process.

IOR podcasts and masterclasses were mentioned.

CY noted that FETA and IOR were meeting soon to discuss areas of collaboration.

CY shared slides about competencies.

[slides attached]

7. Website update

We have had good feedback on the new website. BRA documents will be reviewed and updated where appropriate.

8. AOB

DMcC raised the issue of pressure testing and felt this was worthy of more discussion as there differing views on the best methods to use. Many contractors come under end user pressure to complete this process as quickly as possible. RL wondered if this was a topic for the End Users section as well.

As far as other speakers are concerned, we will continue to try and get a speaker from HSE

ACTION: Secretary

9. Date of 2024 meetings

14th November

Chair Date