



BRITISH REFRIGERATION ASSOCIATION - a FETA association

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Minutes of the meeting of the BRA Equipment & Components' Section Held on 27th February 2024

Issued: 6th March

PRESENT (Online attendees in bold):

Mark Hughes (Chair)	MH	Chemours
Rudy Reginiano	RR	AFR Refrigeration
Ricky Keene	RK	Beijer Ref
Kevin Glass	KG	Bitzer
Matt Leong	ML	BOC Gases
Chris Selby	CS	Carel
Ian Armstrong	IA	Castel
David Sowden	DS	Chemours
Neil Roberts	NR	Climalife
James Green	JG	Copeland
Uwe Seeman	US	Dorin
Justin Scofield	JS	H.Gunter (UK) Ltd
Dewi Garcia	DG	Harp International
Gordon Flaherty	GF	Henry Technologies
Manuel Camacho	MC	J&E Hall
Fernando Correia	FC	Koura
Peter Weightman	PW	National Refrigerants
Chris Chisman	CC	TEV Ltd
Marcus Levy	ML	Tecumseh
Peter Woods	PW	Wolseley
Chris Yates	CY	FETA
Martyn Cooper	Secretary	FETA

1 Welcome and Introductions

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 at www.feta.co.uk/members/events-and-meetings/schedule-of-all-feta-meetings.

Accepting the Outlook meeting notice or signing the attendance book is taken as acknowledgement of the guideline's existence.

3 Minutes of meeting held on 6th December 2023.

These were approved.

4 Updates

4.1 F Gas Regulation Review 2022/Lobbying activity update

The lobbying activity has been very active. 73 MP's have been contacted and copied with our briefing document. There have been two face to face meetings with MP's so far (Mark Pawsey and Steven Bonnar) with another planned for 6th March. A number of written questions have been tabled in the Commons and the Lords.

There is still no sign of the consultation, but DEFRA have been pleased with the way our questions have raised the profile of F Gas within DEFRA. It looks like the consultation may be shortened, and the regulation may go through under the Climate Change Act.

Chris Chisman asked whether the timeline had changed. CY advised that we had not heard anything to change this. CC also asked whether there was another Kigali amendment on the horizon. There has been no mention of this, but it was agreed we would ask DEFRA.

ACTION: Secretary/CY

4.2 Illegal imports update

CC felt this was not an issue whilst EU prices were higher than UK. It was suggested we get a speaker from the EA to attend a meeting to discuss this issue.

ACTION: Secretary

4.3 PFAS

There have been several webinars confusing the situation on PFAS. There has been no change on the UK stance on this. It was agreed the position paper should be reviewed.

ACTION: Secretary

4.4 Standards

NR reported on this topic. The work on the revised EN378 seems to be "in limbo". There is a lot of discussion on charge size calculations. The IOR Technical Committee has been making some proposals on this. The ultimate goal seems to be larger charge sizes for flammable refrigerants.

CC noted that he had heard that the whole standard will be more complicated.

Manuel Camacho observed that industry wants to make the standard simpler, and installers need to be considered.

NR noted that many installers are not following the standard anyway, which has prompted the IOR intervention. He stated that Andy Pearson (of IOR) would like to meet to discuss this.

Ian Armstrong wondered how many contractors have a copy of EN378 – he suspected less than 10%. CY observed that this ought to be part of the wider improvement in competencies. It was agreed that this question would be raised with the BRA Contractors section.

ACTION: Secretary

It was suggested that we try and get an update on EN378 progress from Steve Benton.

ACTION: Secretary

5 **Work in progress**

5.1 **BRA Training Group**

DS gave an update on the group. The initial focus will be on T Levels and Flammables training. On T levels the desire is to encourage involvement from a new intake, although there is a lack of engagement from colleges. The IOR has recently issued a document encouraging people in the industry to consider becoming teachers.

Whilst there is training available on flammable refrigerants, this is not mandated. Training is mentioned in the new EU F Gas regulation and will be the subject of one of the first implementing acts.

5.2 **Promotional activities**

CY reported on the new FETA weekly newsletter, which has had good feedback. Opening rate is 45%.

6 **BRACES report update**

BSRIA need a copy of the old questionnaire before they give us a new quote. The Chair will send to the Secretary.

ACTION: MH

7 **Financial matters**

The fund currently stands at £3305.45. As previously agreed, this money will be made available to the FETA F Gas lobbying activities, although at present it is not required.

8 **BRA Documents on website for review**

Additional text needs to be added to the E&C webpage.

ACTION: Secretary

9 **AOB**

CY raised the EU Machinery Directive. He has some links which he will share with the group. Chris Selby noted that Carel were reviewing the topic internally.

CY also tabled the Terms of Reference for the proposed Wholesaler section. (attached)

10 **Dates of 2024 meetings**

18th July, 3rd December

Chair: Date: