



GB F-Gas Update 28/05/26

DEFRA have now published their response to the recent F Gas consultation. Their statement is as below;

Based on an assessment of the 137 consultation responses, we have concluded that further work is required on changes to the HFC phasedown.

To give industry clarity ahead of 2027, we confirm that we will not legislate in 2026 to change the phasedown steps from 1 January 2027.

For 2027, this means that the relevant HFC phasedown step in Annex 5 of the F gas Regulation will continue to apply.

We remain committed to introducing ambitious reform to the HFC phasedown. We intend to publish a report summarising responses and an outline of next steps later this year.

As it is now clear there will be no further legislation in the short term on F Gas from DEFRA, FETA has been highlighting that industry should be aware that under the **existing** GB F-Gas regulation, there will be a reduction in the quota value of 7% in January 2027 from 31% to 24% of baseline values. **This represents a 22.6% drop in refrigerant availability.**

A further reduction from 24% to 21% of baseline values will take place from 1st January 2030 under the existing regulation. **This represents a further 12.5% drop in refrigerant availability.**

The GB RACHP industry should note that the existing F Gas regulation still applies, and companies must take appropriate action to deal with this situation.

These existing quota reductions may well have significant impact on refrigerant availability.

FETA is in regular contact with DEFRA, and will advise of any changes to the current regulations as and when they are published.