

## **Switzerland**

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#### **Relationship between efforts to protect the stratospheric ozone layer and efforts to safeguard the global climate system**

In response to the call at the fifteenth session of the SBSTA to further update the information on available and potential ways and means of limiting emissions of hydrofluorocarbons and perfluorocarbons, including their use as replacements for ozone depleting substances, Switzerland presents the following information.

1. Switzerland is revising its national regulations concerning ozone depleting substances and other substances with a high GWP and a long half-life in the air in a single mandatory regulatory framework. Amongst other gases, HFC, PFC and SF<sub>6</sub> will be subject to the new rules under this regulatory framework.
2. In revising the regulatory framework, Switzerland has been guided by the following principles:
  - To restrict the use of substances with a long half-life in the air to applications for which other products or techniques are not available or have a more detrimental impact on the environment;
  - To restrict as far as possible the emissions resulting from authorised uses;
  - To take into account legally binding voluntary agreements adopted by an industrial sector.
3. In Switzerland, the current goal is to stabilise the emissions of such substances at the lowest feasible level.
4. The regulatory framework focuses on the following sectors: RAC, plastic foams, solvents, spray cans, fire extinguishers, high voltage equipment and industrial processes and products.
5. To import these substances, a license has to be obtained from the Swiss Agency for the Environment, Forests and Landscape (SAEFL). The RAC sector will be addressed in both ways, by limitation of uses as well as emissions reduction. The foams, spray cans and fire extinguishers sectors will be addressed mainly through limitation of uses, and the solvent and high voltage sectors through emission reduction measures.
6. More information on the Swiss policy on these matters as well as details of the regulations in German, French and Italian can be obtained from the SAEFL at the following address : <http://www.environnement-suisse.ch/buwal/fr/news/artikel/20011220/00659/index.html>

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