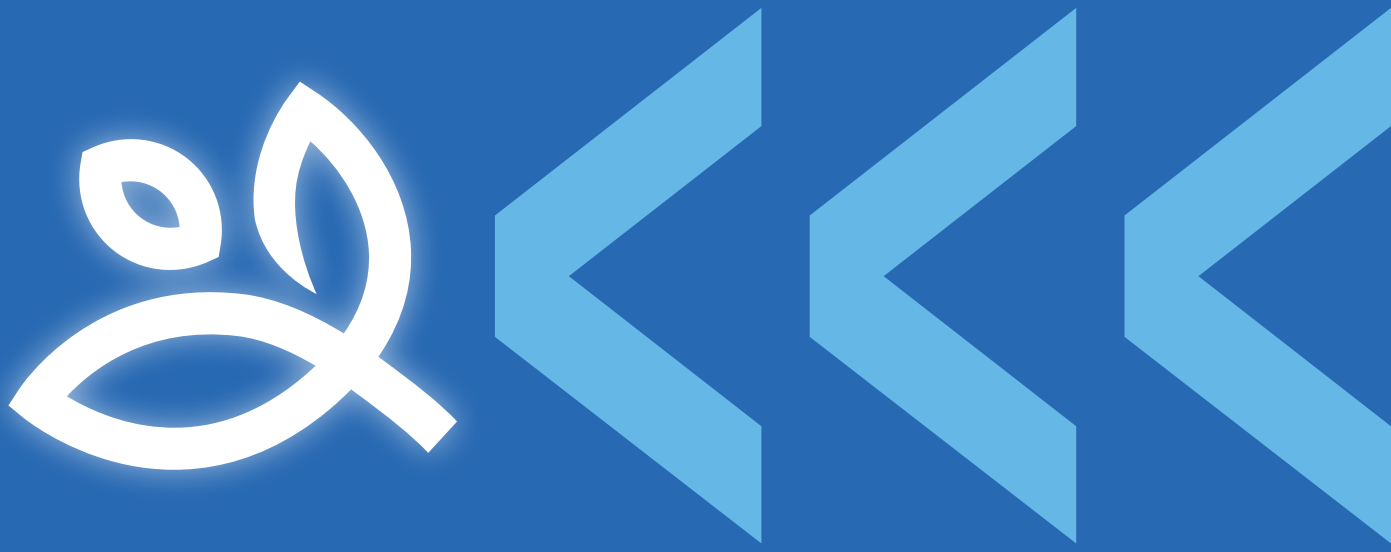
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Dear Customer,

In view of the forthcoming entry into force of the new restrictions laid down in **Regulation (EU) 2024/573** on fluorinated greenhouse gases, we would like to clarify an issue of particular relevance
to manufacturers of machinery and industrial process equipment.

Can an industrial machine incorporating a chiller operating with a refrigerant with a GWP of more than 1,000 be sold after 1 January 2027?

Generally speaking, yes.

*If the chiller containing this refrigerant was **lawfully placed on the European Union market by 31 December 2026,** its subsequent integration into industrial machinery and the sale of the completed machine, including after 1 January 2027, are permitted.*
*The fundamental principle is that **a product is placed on the market only once,** when it is first made available on the EU market.*
Therefore, the subsequent sale or resale of the chiller, or its incorporation into another machine, does not in itself constitute a new placing on the market of the chiller.

What conditions must be met?
To demonstrate that the chiller qualifies as a product already placed on the market before the deadline, it is important to ensure that:
- *the chiller is **complete and identifiable** by 31 December 2026;*
- *no substantial modifications are made to the refrigeration circuit, the refrigerant charge or its intended use;*
- *the commercial transaction constituting the placing on the market is **genuine and documented**, rather than merely a formal transaction.*

Documentation is key
We therefore recommend carefully retaining all documentation that may help demonstrate the prior placing on the market, including the following:

Product identification
- *model and serial number;*
- *technical data sheet;*
- *EU Declaration of Conformity.*

Commercial and logistics documentation *(one of the following)*
- *sales contract or order;*
- *invoice;*
- *transport documents;*
- *warehouse receipt;*
- *other documentation dated no later than 31 December 2026.*

Documentation relating to integration *(one of the following)*
- *technical drawings;*
- *functional description of the machine;*
- *documentation showing the role of the chiller as a component of the system and the primary function of the machine.*

Our recommendation

To proceed with the utmost caution and ensure that robust documentation is available, ***we recommend completing, identifying and documenting the chiller by 31 December 2026,*** *while retaining all evidence relating to its actual placing on the EU market. In particular, where deliveries of industrial machinery incorporating a chiller containing a refrigerant with a GWP of more than 1,000 are already planned, we recommend* ***reviewing the status of each individual system and its associated documentation well in advance.***

Proper document management will become increasingly important in demonstrating, even after a considerable period of time, that the product had already been lawfully placed on the market before the new restrictions entered into force.

The information provided is for information purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. For specific cases, we recommend a detailed review of the machine configuration and the associated documentation.

Kind regards,
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