



NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY PUBLIC NOTICE

COMPLIANCE WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CO-ORDINATION (CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES) REGULATIONS, 2025

The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry through the National Ozone Unit (NOU), wishes to notify all importers, exporters, refrigeration and air-conditioning technicians, and servicing companies of the requirements under the Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Controlled Substances) Regulations, 2025.

The Regulations provide for, among other matters:

- Classification of controlled substances;
- Licensing requirements;
- Restrictions, phase-down, and prohibition of controlled substances;
- Packaging, handling, storage, and transportation requirements;
- Labelling and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS);
- Advertisement and marketing requirements;
- Registration and licensing of technicians and servicing companies;
- Recovery, retrofit, reuse, recycling, and environmentally sound disposal of controlled substances;
- Licensing for the production, import, and export of controlled substances;
- Applications for transit consent;
- Import and export permits; and
- Validity and renewal of licences and permits.

As a Party to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, Kenya is obligated to implement and comply with the Protocol's provisions. In accordance with these obligations, NEMA prescribes and allocates the quantities of controlled substances that may be imported into the country.

Accordingly, **all importers, exporters, technicians, and servicing companies are required to obtain the appropriate licences and permits** before undertaking the importation of refrigerant gases, equipment containing refrigerant gases, or engaging in the installation, servicing, repair, maintenance, or retrofitting of such equipment, in accordance with the Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Controlled Substances) Regulations, 2025.

Compliance with these Regulations will promote the protection of the ozone layer, support sustainable environmental management, and enable Kenya to meet its national and international obligations under the Montreal Protocol.

NEMA and the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry urge all stakeholders to familiarize themselves with the Regulations available on www.nema.go.ke and ensure full compliance.

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