

## **Importing of Goods containing ozone-depleting substances**

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Timor-Leste is phasing-out the import of ozone-depleting substances. Ozone-depleting substances are used as refrigerant gases and are used in some air-conditioning units and refrigerators.

The importation and exportation of the following ozone-depleting substances has been banned under *Decree Law Number ---36/2012*:

- Chlorofluorocarbons (R-11 and R-12);
- Halons
- Carbon tetrachloride (CTC)
- Methyl chloroform
- Hydrobromofluorocarbons (HBFC)
- Bromochloromethane
- Methyl bromide

The importation of refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment that contains the substances listed above is prohibited. Timor-Leste will phase-out the import and export of cylinders containing hydrochloroflourocarbon (HCFCs, for example R-22) by 2040. The phase-out will start in 2013.

### **Required permits**

You must be a registered importer and have a HCFC import license to import either cylinders containing HCFCs or refrigeration or air-conditioning equipment that contains HCFCs.

You must register with the National Ozone Unit. You can only register to import cylinders containing HCFCs if you imported HCFCs in 2012. You can import refrigeration or air-conditioning equipment even if you did not import this type of equipment in 2012. You will be given a registration certificate.

You must be licensed to import either cylinders containing HCFCs or refrigeration or air-conditioning equipment that contains HCFCs. You will need to have an import licence each time you import these goods.

You can apply for a license from the National Ozone Unit. You will be given a licence document.

You must present a valid registration certificate and license document with your other Customs declarations at the time of import.

### **Further information**

For further information, registration forms and license application forms, please call or visit the National Ozone Unit in the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment.