



## UNEP DTIE OzonAction Programme under the Multilateral Fund



### Regulations to Control ODS and Monitoring Imports of ODS

#### INFORMATION RELEASE - New Publications

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Two new guidebooks that assist developing countries with designing policy instruments required to phase out ozone depleting substances (ODS) and protect the stratospheric ozone layer have just been released by UNEP DTIE's OzonAction Programme. Developed in cooperation with the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) and funded as part of UNEP's Work Programme under the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol, Regulations to Control ODS and Monitoring Imports of ODS provide government environmental officers (National Ozone Units), legal drafters and others with summaries of and guidance on, policies and monitoring systems drawn from the experience of numerous developed and developing countries worldwide.

It is widely recognized that in order for technical projects to eliminate, reduce or recycle ODS to succeed, the proper policy framework is required. The need for developing countries to design, implement and enforce effective regulatory, legislative and policy frameworks to support their ODS phase-out is accorded urgent priority by the Parties to the Protocol, especially in light of the first control measure that applies to developing countries-the pending 1999 freeze in consumption and production of Annex A CFCs by developing countries that are Party to the Protocol. Through these documents and other services, UNEP DTIE is helping to meet this need.

Regulations to Control ODS is designed for use by ODS Officers and legal officers responsible for structuring and drafting of regulations to control and eliminate the use of ODS. As a reference document to facilitate further direct contacts and investigation, the guidebook provides a brief overview of the structure and strategies in existing ODS regulations, which encompasses all governmental directives of a legally-binding nature (including, for example, legislation enacted by a Parliament, ordinances decided by a Cabinet and orders issued by a Minister or subordinate authority). Although they are not the guidebook's primary focus, information is also included about governmental guidelines, voluntary agreements and cooperation with industry, cooperation with industry associations, economic disincentives and labeling schemes.

The Regulations to Control ODS guidebook is based on the results of a survey of all Parties to the Montreal Protocol and covers the following countries: Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Canada (separate supplement), Croatia, Denmark, El Salvador, Finland, Gambia, Germany, Honduras, Iran, Jordan, Latvia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, New Zealand, Niger, Panama, Philippines, Romania, Saint Lucia, Seychelles, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, USA, Vietnam, Zimbabwe.

Monitoring Imports of ODS helps government environment officers and customs officials in developing countries with deciding how to design their own systems to monitor and control importation of ODS by learning from the actual experience of their peers in the South East Asia and Pacific region. The guidebook emanates from a need for such examples that was expressed by the Network of ODS Officers in that region, a forum for close cooperation among government officers in charge of designing and implementing ODS phase-out strategies which is partially supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

Monitoring Imports of ODS describes the monitoring systems in Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Fiji, Indonesia, Lao P.D.R., Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Sweden, Thailand and Vietnam. Included in the guidebook are also discussions of:

- Monitoring based on customs statistics;
- Import permits systems and their role in monitoring imports;
- Customs role in ensuring compliance with import restrictions;
- Structure of the Harmonized System and efforts to adjust it to the needs of the Montreal Protocol; and
- Problems related to mixed chemicals.

These two guidebooks are part of the information exchange services provided by UNEP to developing countries to help them meet their obligations under the Montreal Protocol. The

OzonAction Programme also provides other clearinghouse services (Training & Networking of ODS Officers) as well as assistance with the development of national ODS phase out strategies (Country Programmes) and Institutional Strengthening support. For more information, contact: UNEP DTIE OzonAction Programme, Tour Mirabeau, 39-43 quai Andre Citroen, Paris 75739 cedex 15, France or Tel: (33.1) 44.37.14.50, Fax: (33.1)44.37.14.74, e-mail: [ozonaction@unep.fr](mailto:ozonaction@unep.fr), <http://www.uneptie.org/ozone/home.html>

### To Order

[Regulations to Control ODS: A Guidebook](#) : 365 FF/US\$ 70

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