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# HCFC Quota and Licence Tracker Desktop Application



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#### **INTRODUCTION**

Fundamental to ensuring a country's compliance with the Montreal Protocol is the monitoring and control of imports and exports of controlled substances. This requires a workable licence and quota system. Executive Committee Decision 63/17 requires that from the 68<sup>th</sup> meeting (i.e. from early 2013) onwards, countries were required to confirm that they have established an enforceable licensing and a quota system for HCFC imports, and – if relevant – also for HCFC production. Furthermore, this decision required that the system is capable of ensuring the country's compliance with the Montreal Protocol HCFC phaseout schedule for the duration of HCFC Phase-out Management Plan (HPMP) agreed for that country.

An import quota system is usually part of an ODS licensing system which has been established in a country, although in some countries it may be based on a separate administrative order. An import quota can be defined as the quantity of individual substance (or group of substances) covered by the quota system which is allocated to an eligible importer for a given period of time (usually for one calendar year). In the case of HCFCs, this covers pure substances as well as HCFCs included in mixtures/blends.

The objective of any import quota system is to ensure that the country will not import more of a substance (or group of substances) than the limit for that country according to its relevant legislation. The sum of the quotas allocated to all eligible importers should

# "Automatically calculate quota usage"





therefore be equal to or lower than this limit. In the case of HCFCs the limit is set for a country by the Montreal Protocol and more specifically for Article 5 counties this is based on the schedule in the HPMP funding agreement of the Government with the Executive Committee<sup>\*</sup>.

In most countries National Ozone Officers have the responsibility of managing the allocation and monitoring of quotas for substances controlled under

the Montreal Protocol. This process can become complex with many importers especially if the country imports a range of different HCFCs and mixtures containing HCFCs.

*"Keep track of companies" quotas"* 

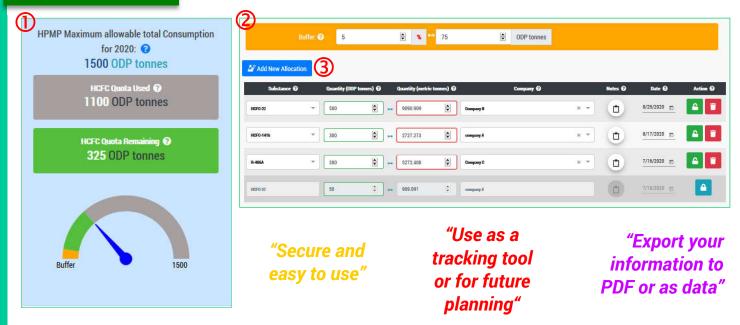
### THE HCFC QUOTA AND LICENCE TRACKER

To provide assistance to Article 5 countries with planning and monitoring HCFC licences and quotas, UNEP OzonAction responded by developing a desktop application to assist with these tasks, the: "HCFC Quota and Licence Tracker Desktop Application".

This is a simple but powerful tool that can be used from any internet-connected computer. It is intended specifically for National Ozone Officers in Article 5 countries to support you in your daily work. The application will assist you with the tasks of planning, calculating, monitoring and managing consumption quotas and licences for HCFCs. You can simply use this as a tracking tool, or for future planning by analysing and making adjustments with substances and quantities and directly assess the potential results on your national consumption. The inbuilt gauge and summary information in the application will instantly display the HCFC quota used and that remaining according to what has been entered in terms of allocations assigned to specific companies. The ODP values used in this tool are the values incorporated into the text of the Protocol which provides standardisation and ensures accuracy of your allocations.

## "Covers HCFCs and HCFCcontaining mixtures"

### USING THE TRACKER



**① Gauge and summary information** – this displays the HPMP Maximum allowable total Consumption as well as the quantity of HCFC Quota Used and the HCFC Quota Remaining

**2 Buffer** - in the 'buffer field' you can assign a quantity of buffer in ODP tonnes or as a percentage of the HPMP Maximum Allowable Total Consumption (the associated value will be automatically calculated).

**3** Quota/licence entry fields - this is the section where you enter information regarding the assignment (or

potential assignment) of quotas/licences of HCFCs. You can use this to plan, calculate, monitor and manage consumption quotas and licences for HCFCs for importers in your country. You can simply use this as a tracking tool, or for future planning by experimenting and making adjustments with substances and quantities and directly assess the results on your national consumption.

For more information on the operation of the tracker please see the instructions, available from the tracker homepage or the tutorial video (see below).



The HCFC Quota and Licence Tracker Desktop Application is available on the UNEP OzonAction website:

https://www.unenvironment.org/ozonaction/resources/quota-tracker/quota-tracker

For more information, please see the short tutorial video on the: OzonAction YouTube Channel: <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNUtF-hteDtP8lkMjueu2CQ</u>

\* The figure can be found in the agreement of your Government with the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the reduction in consumption of HCFCs in accordance with the HPMP, it appears in Appendix 2-A: The Targets, and Funding, Row 1.2. "Maximum allowable total consumption of Annex C, Group I substances (ODP tonnes)"

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