

# F GAS PYRAMID – BELGIUM INPUT

## FLEMISH REGION

LEVEL	FLEMISH ACTION
F-Gas Regulation	Transcribed into Belgian law through several regional decrees in 2007.
Commission Regulations	Idem
Member states implementation	The certification of companies is regulated by the Flemish Decree 2007-771 (Besluit van de Vlaamse regering ) of 8 December 2006 (published in Belgian Official Journal on 14 February 2007) for installations $\geq 3$ kg charge and updated on 4 September 2009 (publication 22 Oct 2009) to include also installations below 3kg charge.
Certification bodies	Certification bodies have to be accredited or temporarily recognised. Certification bodies evaluate and certify the companies (type A and type B, see below) and evaluate also the examination centers. Status on 1 March 2010: there are <u>2 accredited certification bodies</u> : (AIB-Vincotte & Vereniging Bureau Veritas) and <u>1 recognized certification body</u> : Keurtech vzw.
Evaluation bodies	Status 1 March 2010: there are 10 certified examination centers for the certification of personnel. The examination centers have to be certified by certification bodies (cfr above)
Training institutes	Most centers for examination and some technical schools give also training.
Certified companies	Type A companies (all charges) have to hold a final or interim certificate by 4 July 2009. Type B companies (below 3kg installations) have to hold a final or interim certificate before 1st May 2010. <b>The acknowledged certificates are valid for a restricted time and need to be periodically reviewed based on a new audit. The certificates acknowledged to type A companies need to be reviewed every 24 months. The certificates acknowledged to type B companies are reviewed every five years.</b> Status on 1 March 2010 : 279 certified companies hold a “final” certificate and 50 certified companies have an “interim” certificate. The list is publicly available on the Ministry’s website : <a href="http://www.lne.be/themas/erkenningen/koeltechniek">http://www.lne.be/themas/erkenningen/koeltechniek</a>
Certified persons	Persons carrying out all activities (category I) need a final or interim certificate before 4 July 2009 (except for companies with a certification demand before 1th October 2008: 75% of persons have more time to obtain certification). Persons of category II, III, IV need a final or interim certificate before 1 May 2010. The interim certification expires on the 4th of July 2011. (The list of certified persons is not public). Every 5 years a

	new examination takes place.
Operators	Operators working on own installations also need certification of company & persons.

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### BRUSSELS

LEVEL	BRUSSELS ACTION
F-Gas Regulation	Transcribed into Belgian law through several regional decrees in 2007.
Commission Regulations	Idem
Member states implementation	Registration of companies handling installations $\geq 10$ kW capacity or $\geq 2$ kg charge ODS or F-gases is already regulated by a <b>Decree dated 20 November 2003</b> . The Brussels Ministry is currently reviewing the legislation to be conforming to European requirements (from 0 kg onwards). Certification of persons is regulated by a decree of <b>22 March 2007</b> .
Certification bodies	Certification bodies for companies do not exist as such. The registration of companies is done by the Brussels Environmental Ministry.  Certification of persons is done at the examination centers (evaluation bodies). See below.
Evaluation bodies	Status on 15 March 2010: there are 3 recognized examination centers for certification of persons (Iris Tech, Forem Formation Environnement and Formatpme).
Training institutes	Most centers for examination and some technical schools give also training.
Certified companies	From 1 June 2007 onwards, companies must be registered. Before 9 June 2010, the company may employ "experienced" persons on some conditions. From 9 June 2010, they need to employ at least 1 certified person. Status 15 March 2010 : <u>there are 119 registered companies</u> . The list is publicly available on the following <a href="#">link</a> .
Certified persons	Persons have time till 04 July 2011 to get a certificate. In the mean time, the person may work as an "experienced" person (experience before 04/07/2008) under certain conditions. Note: persons holding a certificate from another Belgian region or from another EU member state may receive a "status of equivalence" if they passed an additional theoretical examination about the Brussels legislation. (The list of certified persons is not public). Every 5 years a new examination takes place. No categories are mentioned.
Operators	

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## WALLOON REGION

LEVEL	WALLOON ACTION
F-Gas Regulation	Transcribed into Belgian law through several regional decrees in 2007.
Commission Regulations	Idem
Member states implementation	<p>The Decree of 12 July 2007 regulates the registration system for companies and certification of personnel but it <u>temporarily excludes HFC installations</u>. (published in Belgian official Journal on 28 Sept 2007, in force from 8 Oct 2007)</p> <p>As such, the F-gas Regulation is in theory not completely implemented for the companies' registration. However, in reality most companies deal with both ODS and HFCs and thus have to be registered anyway. The Walloon Region is however working on a project decree to include HFC installations as well in the decree on certification.</p>
Certification bodies	<p>Certification bodies for companies do not exist as such. The registration of companies is done by the Walloon Environment Ministry. In particular, the Director-General of the DGARNE is competent to certify companies and the DGARNE is considered as the certification body for companies and for personnel.</p> <p>Certification of persons is done at the examination centers (evaluation bodies). See below.</p>
Evaluation bodies	For persons, the same examination bodies as for the Brussels region are recognized: (Iris Tech, Forem Formation Environnement and Formatpme). The Walloon region also recognises two other centres TECHNIFUTUR and CEFORTEC.
Training institutes	Most centers for examination and some technical schools give also training.
Certified companies	<p>From 7 Oct 2007 onwards, companies must be recognized. Before 28 Sept 2008, the company may employ "experienced" persons on some conditions.</p> <p>Status on 12 Feb 2010: there are 147 recognized companies. The list is publicly available on Ministry website: <a href="http://environnement.wallonie.be">http://environnement.wallonie.be</a> -&gt; Permis et préventions -&gt; Frigoristes</p>
Certified persons	<p>Companies must forward to DGARNE the list of personnel concerned by the certification requirement :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If all the members of the personnel already have a definitive certificate, companies must join it to their application;</li> <li>• If all the members of the personnel do not yet have a definitive certificate, companies must send a document proving the qualifications of the personnel.</li> </ul> <p>There is currently no deadline to get a final certification. (The list of certified persons is not public). Every 5 years a</p>

	formation (not an examination) takes place. No categories are mentioned.
Operators	

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