

## F GAS PYRAMID – FRANCE INPUT

LEVEL	FRANCE ACTION
F Gas Regulation	Transcribed into French law by Decree N° 737-2007 of 7 May 2007.
Commission Regulations	<b>Leak checking:</b> 7 May 2007 (original date 4 July 2007) <b>Certification:</b> 30 June 2008 (original date 4 July 2007)
Member states implementation	<b>Certification of companies:</b> Decree of 30 June 2008 <b>Certification of personnel:</b> Decrees of 13 October 2008 and 5 March 2009. With the opinions of 9 August 2008 and 27 January 2009 on <b>titles and diploma</b> , an interim scheme has been put in place until 4 July 2011 to enable actual personnel to continue handling refrigerant on certain conditions (diploma and experience) <b>Certified bodies:</b> decrees of 20 December 2007. In March 2010, there are 9 certified bodies. In France, the <a href="#">MEDAD</a> (Ministry of environment) is responsible for the certified bodies.
Certification bodies	The <a href="#">COFRAC</a> is the French association responsible for the accreditation of certification bodies. There are currently 3 certification bodies in France, amongst them <a href="#">AFNOR</a> .
Evaluation bodies	The 3 certification bodies are accrediting the evaluation bodies. There are currently 64 evaluation bodies for stationary equipment and 51 for mobile A/C.
Training institutes	RAC training in France is provided by colleges of further education and by commercial training companies. Trainings are also provided by some evaluation bodies, such as the <a href="#">COSTIC</a> .
Certified companies under the 5 categories (I; II; III; IV; V)	In March 2010, there should be 15,150 certified companies, excluding mobile A/C; and 55,150 with mobile A/C.
Certified persons under the 5 categories (I; II; III; IV; V)	In March 2010, there should be 32,500 certified persons, excluding mobile A/C; and 112,500 with mobile A/C.
Operations	France has been more stringent in the implementation of the F-gas Regulation as leak check and installation of equipment by certified personnel start at 2kg of charge, instead of 3kg in the EU Regulation.