

F GAS PYRAMID – POLAND INPUT

LEVEL	POLISH ACTION
F Gas Regulation	Published 14 June 2006, effective as from 4 July 2007.
Commission Regulations	Leak checking 19 December 2007 (original date 4 July 2007). Certification 2 April 2008 (original date 4 July 2007).
Member states implementation	The original target dates for setting up training & certification systems was 4 July 2008, with 4 July 2009 as the date from which no F-gases can be delivered to non-certified personnel. However, as of March 2010, no Polish F-gas legislation has been adopted despite the fact that the Ministry of Environment has been working on it for two years. The law is currently expected to be passed during the second half of 2010. In July 2009, the Ministry of Environment issued a statement declaring that hitherto ODS certificates are treated as temporary F-gas certificates until July 4, 2011. All other obligations resulting from the F-gas Regulation are binding in Poland directly, but there is no local enforcement.
Certification bodies	Certification bodies have not yet been assigned. KFCh and most other RAC organisations suggest that the Ministry of Environment create a new, codified, entity – a National Centre for RAC Certification, which effectively would take on the role of F-gas Certification Body.
Evaluation bodies	Evaluation bodies have not yet been assigned, but there will be several evaluation bodies throughout Poland, mainly based on current RAC ODS certification bodies.
Training institutes	Training institutes have not yet been assigned, but there will be many training centres throughout Poland, mainly based on RAC ODS training entities, including Regional Training and Certification Centres belonging to KFCh.
Certified companies	The company certification system has not yet been implemented in Poland, yet, due to the lack of national F-gas legislation. Currently it is expected it may be in place by late 2010, once the Polish F-gas legislation is adopted and implemented.
Certified persons (Categories, I, II, III, and IV)	As stated above (under 'Member States implementation'), current ODS certificates serve as temporary F-gas certificates until July 4, 2010, but only as certificates of category I and III.
Operations	Operators must also obtain an ODS certificate for their personnel, if they wish to perform, on their own, any servicing of their RAC equipment. An official register of operators is planned to be created under the Polish F-gas law.