

Workshop on Phase-out of HCFC-141b (Hydrochlorofluorocarbons)

HCFCs which have Ozone Depleting Potential (ODP) up to 15% of that CFC-11 and CFC-12 are also classified as controlled substance under the Montreal Protocol.

Sri Lanka plan to restrict import of HCFC-141b with effect from 01st January 2013 and completely phase out by 1st January 2030. However early phase out will be enforced for HCFC-141b which mainly used as a solvent in refrigeration and air conditioning service sector , blowing agent in foam manufacturing sector ,... etc.

Since the Ministry of Environment is the National Focal Point in implementing the Montreal Protocol policies and obligations and National Ozone Unit coordinate the International and National level activities regarding the implementation of the Montreal protocol in Sri Lanka.

It has been planned to conduct a workshop on 16th February 2012 in Colombo to disseminate relevant information to the HCFC-141b stakeholders. UNEP provides the technical and financial assistance for this workshop. This workshop will be an ideal opportunity for participants to know about the environment and technical benefits of alternative substances to HCFC-141b.