# Actions to Control Emission of HFCs in Japan

Implementation of "the Act on Rational Use and Proper Management of Fluorocarbons"

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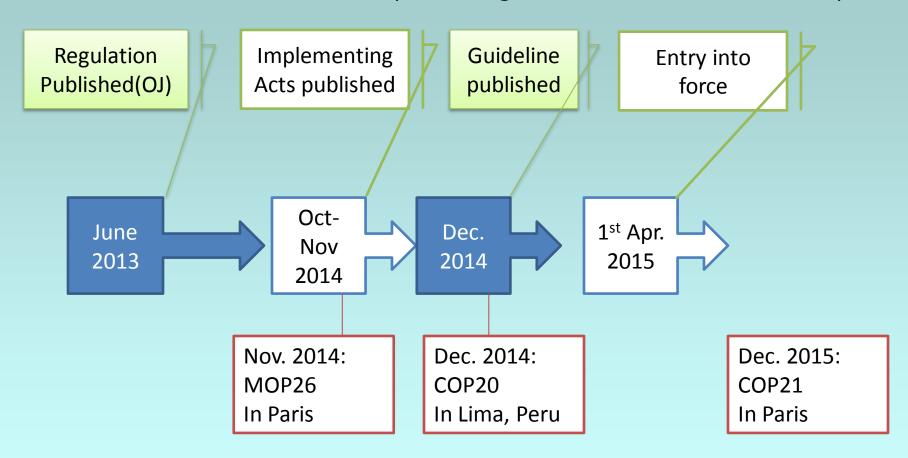
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# 🐤 0. Timeline

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# 1. Direction of measures for HFCs in Japan

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Issues

- Rapid increase of HFCs emission
- Low recovery rate: Approximately 30%
- 3. Leakage in use of equipment: 13 to 17% per year in 2009
- 4. Development and commercialised equipment with low GWP or no HFC refrigerants
- 5. Global movements to enhance control of high GWP

#### Direction of measures

Comprehensive measures over whole life cycle from production to destruction of CFCs/HCFCs/HFCs Needed.

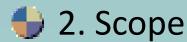
- 1. Manufacturers and Importers of HFCs Phase-down of HFCs
- 2. Manufacturers and Importers of Equipment Acceleration of equipment using low GWP or no **HFC** refrigerants
- 3. Owners of Equipment

Prevention of HFCs' leakage from commercial refrigeration equipment in use

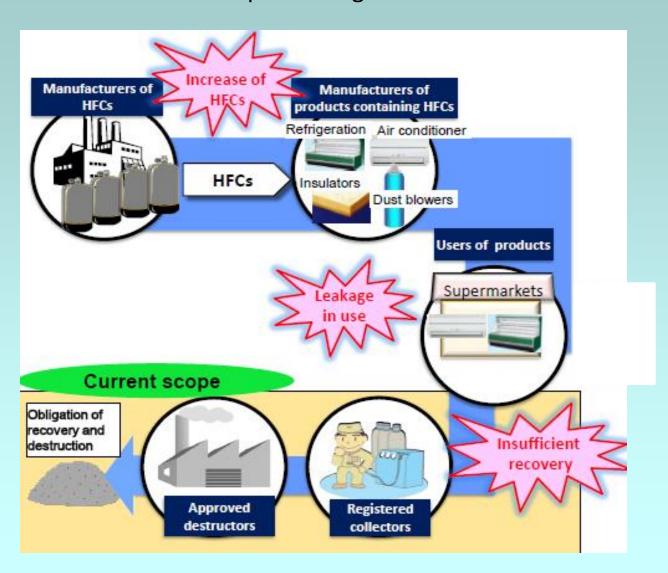
4. Refrigerant charge by registered operators, **Reclamation by approved operators** 

**Publication of the Revision of Fluorocarbons Recovery** & Destruction Law in Jun 2013





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# 2. Scope

"the Act on Rational Use and Proper Management of Fluorocarbons" in Japan **Expand Scope** Manufacturers of (2) Promotion of lowproducts containing HFCs **GWP/non-fluorocarbons for HFCs Phase-down** designated products Refrigerator Air conditioner Low GWP HFCs Products with Natural Refrigerant alternatives Insulators **Dust blowers** HFCs ] **Users of** (3) Reduction of refrigerant products leakage from commercial equipment in use Periodical Reuse check Report of (5) Proper destruction leakage and recycle Maintenance (4) Proper refill and **Approved** Registered Obligation of recovery destructors/recycle fillers/recovery destruction

operators



# 3. Revised act for manufacturers and importers of equipment

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# Specified Equipment

Specified equipment category	Currently used refrigerant and its GWP	Target index of environmental impact	Target year
Residential air conditioners (excluding floor-standing type)	R410A(2090) R32(675)	750	2018
Air conditioners for shops and offices (excluding floor-standing type) << small size only>>	R410A(2090)	750	2020
Automotive air conditioners (only for passenger car)	R134a(1430)	150	2023
Condensing units and Stationary refrigeration units (rated output > 1.5kW)	R404A(3920) R410A(2090) R407C(1774), CO2(1)	1500	2025
Central refrigeration equipment (only for new refrigeration warehouses more than 50 thousands m³)	R404A(3920) Ammonia	100	2019
Hard urethane foam	HFC-245fa(1030), HFC-365mfc(795)	100	2020
Dust blower	HFC-134a(1430), HFC-152a(124) CO2(1), DME(1)	10	2019

<sup>\*</sup>Manufacturers and importers shall ensure that the weighted average of GWP of domestic shipments does not exceed the target index to reduce environmental impact of the specified equipment.





# 4. Revised act for equipment owners (users of products)

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			Che	Frequency of check	Operator of check	
ch Al sp	mplified eriodical neck Il Class-1 pecified quipment	<ul> <li>(Air conditioners)</li> <li>Abnormal noise from air conditioner, apparent condition check and so on to judge leakage of HFCs</li> <li>(Refrigeration equipment)</li> <li>Temperature inside the cabinet</li> <li>Abnormal noise from equipment, apparent condition check and so on to judge leakage of HFCs</li> </ul>			More than once a 3 months (voluntary)	No limitation on the qualification
	Periodical check  Periodical check  Other cases  Other cases	rough location of leakage can	The check shall be conducted with direct method.	More than once a period	Authorised certification related to equipment	
		The check shall be conducted with indirect method or combination of direct and indirect method.	determined for each equipment	management is needed.		





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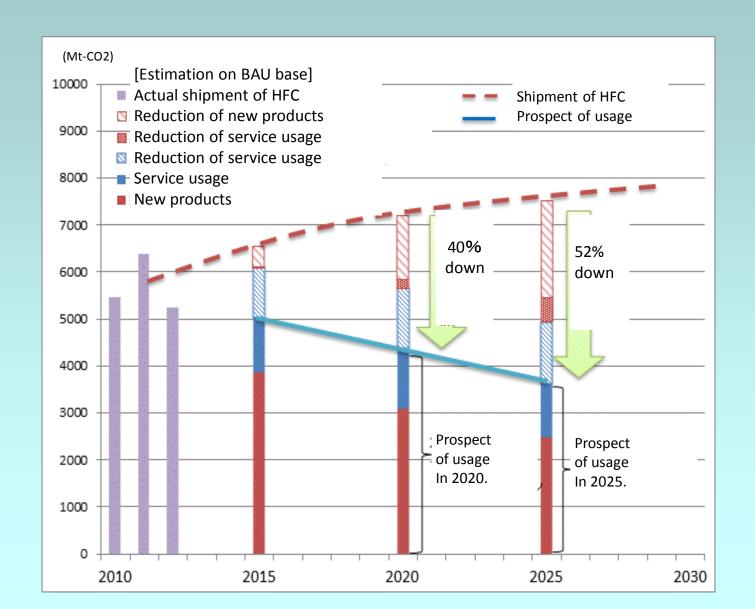
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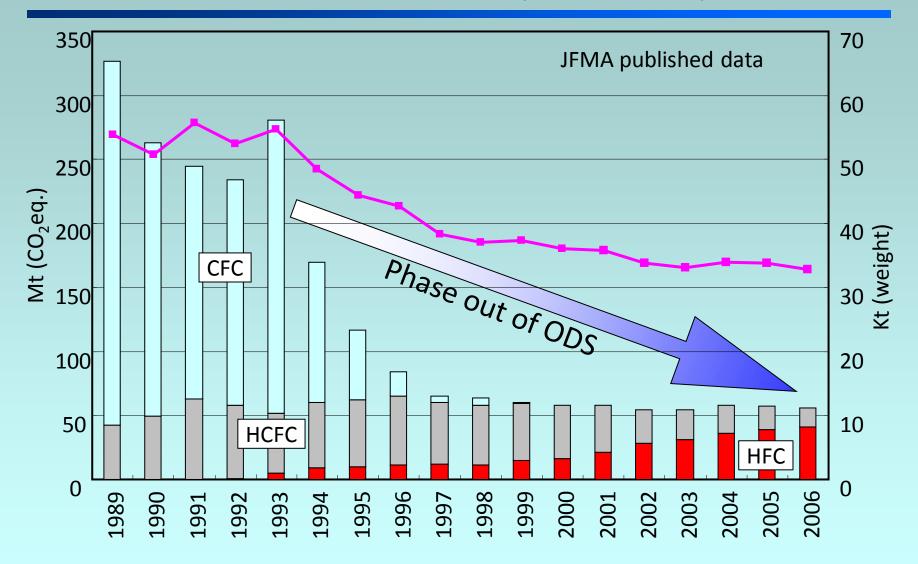


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# CFC, HCFC and HFC Consumption in Japan

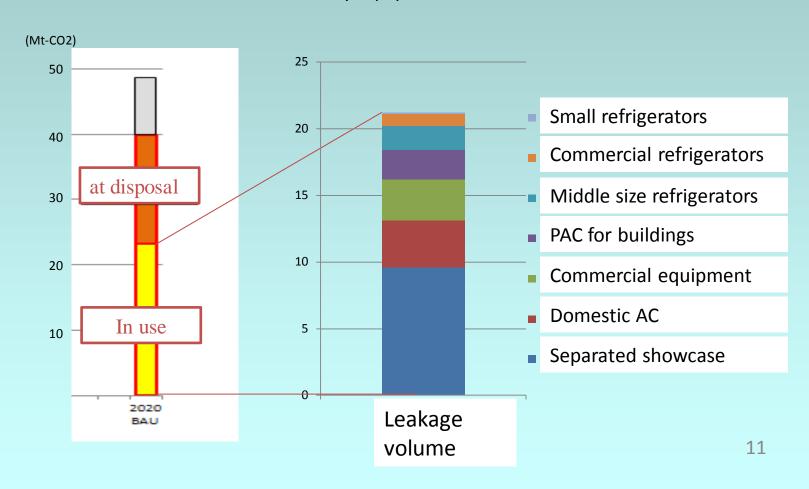


Most of HFC refrigerants are introduced to phase out ODS. It also reduced GHG emission significantly, but this aspect is neglected in Kyoto protocol.



# Future Possibility of HFCs Emissions (Leakage in Use of Equipment)

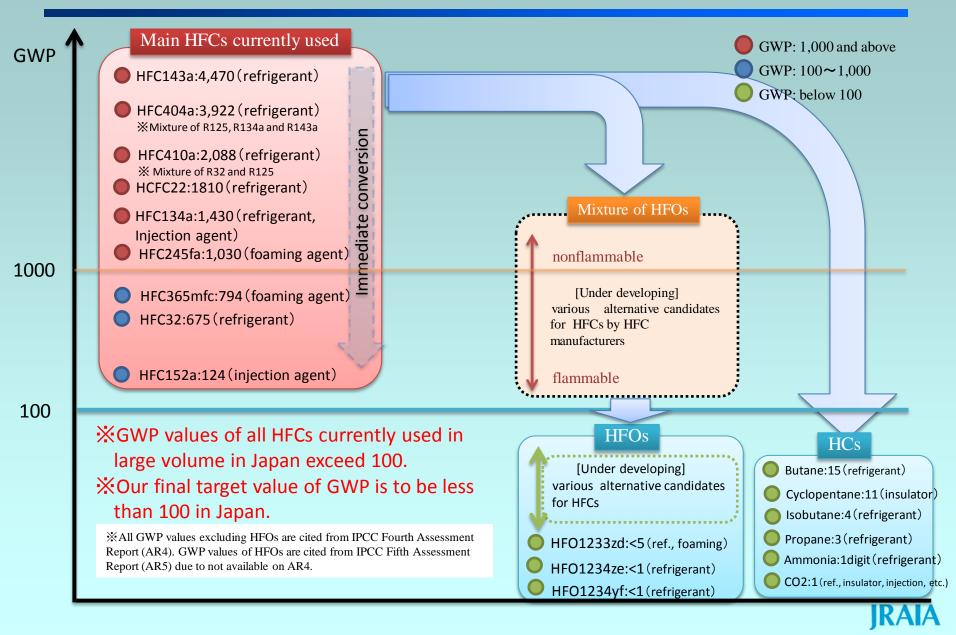
Estimates of emissions (CFC's substitutes covered by the Kyoto Protocol) in 2020 (BAU) and breakdown by equipment in use





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## Target GWP





# Requirements for the alternative refrigerants

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**S**afety(precondition)

- Low Toxicity
- Low Risk of Flammability

**Environment** 

**Performance** 

- •Ozone Depletion Potential =0
- Low Global Warming Potential

Energy

**Efficient** 

- Superior for LCCP value
- ·Similar performance at high load cooling

**E**conomic **Feasibility** 

- Reasonable Cost
- Acceptable level in Developing Countries

**LCCP** (Life Cycle Climate Performance)

CO<sub>2</sub> Emission origin from energy in product usage

Refrigerant Leaks in product usage

CO<sub>2</sub> Emission at refrigerant destruction

CO<sub>2</sub> Emission at refrigerant production

Refrigerant Leaks at product disposal





# New refrigerants for the next generation

**HVAC&R** industry has been proceeding with the development of next generation low GWP refrigerants to mitigate the impact of HFCs on global warming.

#### However;

- Ideal refrigerants have not been found yet.
- Every candidate of next generation refrigerants bears some sort of faults.
- Usable candidates, in particular, are mildly flammable.
- We are forced to make full use of those candidates for prevention of global warming caused by refrigerants.