RULE 1100. MOTOR VEHICLE AIR CONDITIONERS

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PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this rule is to reduce the emissions of refrigerants that are ozone depleting compounds to the atmosphere from the servicing of motor vehicle air conditioners by requiring the use of recovery and recycling equipment for refrigerants and restricting the sale of motor vehicle air conditioner refrigerants.

This rule adopts (by reference) the federal requirements pertaining to motor vehicle air conditioning refrigerants, giving the District the authority to enforce the federal standards of 40 CFR 82 (B).

1.2 Applicability

This rule shall apply to any person performing service on a motor vehicle for consideration, as defined in 40 CFR 82, when this service involves the refrigerant in the motor vehicle air conditioner and to any person who offers to sell refrigerant that is suitable for use in motor vehicle air conditioners.

1.3 Exemptions

Hermetically sealed refrigeration systems used on motor vehicles for refrigerated cargo and the air conditioning systems on passenger buses and off-road vehicles are exempt from this rule.

1.4 Effective Date

1.4.1 The effective date for this rule is January 1, 1993.

1.4.2 The dates by which proof of certification by the EPA for technicians servicing motor vehicle air conditioners shall be provided to the District are given in section 3.3 of this rule.

PART 2 DEFINITIONS

These terms and their definitions are taken from the text of 40 CFR 82 (B). They are included here for informational purposes.

2.1 Motor vehicle

any vehicle which is self-propelled and designed for transporting persons or property on a street or highway, including but not limited to passenger cars, light duty vehicles, and heavy duty vehicles.

2.2 Motor vehicle air conditioner

mechanical vapor compression refrigeration equipment used to cool the driver's or passenger compartment of any motor vehicle.

2.3 Refrigerant

any Class I or Class II substance listed in 40 CFR 82 (A), Appendix A, which is used in a motor vehicle air conditioner.

2.4 Service involving refrigerant

any service during which discharge or release of refrigerant from the motor vehicle air conditioner to the atmosphere can reasonably be expected to occur.

PART 3 REQUIREMENTS

3.1 The provisions of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 82, Subpart B (40 CFR 82 (B)), "Servicing of Motor Vehicle Air Conditioners", are incorporated herein as part of this rule. Applicable provisions of the regulations include those incorporated in the most current bound CFR volume, plus any provisions recently promulgated by EPA, as noticed in the Federal Register, but not yet incorporated in the bound CFR volume.

3.2 All records kept under the provisions of this rule must be made available for inspection by District representatives.

3.3 Technicians certified by the USEPA to perform service of motor vehicle air conditioners and who are performing the servicing within the District shall provide the District with a photocopy of a valid EPA technicians certificate and their business address no later than thirty days after the following dates:

3.3.1 the effective date of this rule (1-1-93) if certification was obtained prior to the effective date;

3.3.2 the date of certification by the EPA if it is obtained after the effective date of this rule; or

3.3.3 the date of commencing service covered by this rule.

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