

Regulation (EU) 2024/590 on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer

This Regulation lays down rules on the production, import, export, placing on the market, storage and subsequent supply of ozone-depleting substances, as well as on their use, recovery, recycling, reclamation and destruction, and on the reporting of information related to those substances and on the import, export, placing on the market, subsequent supply and use of products and equipment containing ozone-depleting substances or whose functioning relies upon those substances.

This Regulation repeals Regulation (EC) No 1005/2009 as of 3 March 2025. On 3 March 2024, the Regulation (EU) [2024/590](#) entered into force.

The Regulation continues to implement the requirements of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. The Montreal Protocol was agreed upon in 1987 and is signed by 46 Parties: <https://ozone.unep.org/all-ratifications>

The Regulation:

- **prohibits the manufacture or use of** ozone-depleting substances listed in Annexes I and II, such as halons (to extinguish fires), methyl bromide (to control pests) and hydrochlorofluorocarbons (used in fridges and air conditioning systems);
- **bans the use** of methyl bromide since March 2010, except during emergency quarantines to prevent the spread of disease or pests;
- **bans the import and export** of controlled substances and products containing them. Where they are allowed, a license system operates.

There are exemptions which allow for example the use as feedstock, as process agents or for laboratory or analytical use.