

US places bans on R404A and R134a

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USA: The US EPA is to ban a host of high GWP refrigerants including R404A, R134a, R407C and R410A in certain new products from as early as January 1, 2021.

The bans are part of wide ranging new rules finalised by the US Environmental Protection Agency yesterday, that will see bans on a number of existing refrigerants and a tightening of leak rate rules to reduce HFC emissions.

Commonly-used high GWP refrigerants R404A and R507A are among a number of refrigerants to be banned in new retail food refrigeration from as early as January 1, 2021, with both also being banned in new cold storage warehouses from January 1, 2023. Also included in the bans are many of the so-called retrofit blends including R407A and R407B.



R134a is one of a number of common refrigerants that will be banned from use in new centrifugal and positive displacement chillers as of January 1, 2024. Others include R407C and R410A, as well as a number of interim "drop-in" blends.

The new rules will also see R134a being banned in new domestic fridges and freezers from January 1, 2021.

Designated products ※	Present refrigerant (GWP)	Target value (GWP)	Target yea
Room air-conditioning	R410A(2090) R32(675)	750	2018
Commercial air-conditioning (for offices and stores)	R410A(2090)	750	2020
Condensing unit and refrigerating unit (for separate type showcases etc	R404A(3920) R410A(2090) R407C(1774) CO ₂ (1)	1500	2025
Cold storage warehouse (for more than 50000 m)	R404A(3920) Ammonia (single digit)	100	2019
Mobile air-conditioner	R134a(1430)	150	2023
Urethane foam (for House building materials)	HFC-245fa(1030) HFC-365mfc(795)	100	2020
Dust blowers	HFC-134a(1430) HFC-152a(124) CO ₂ (1), DME(1)	10	2019

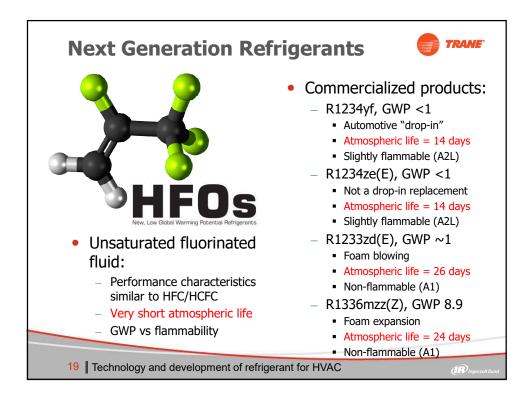


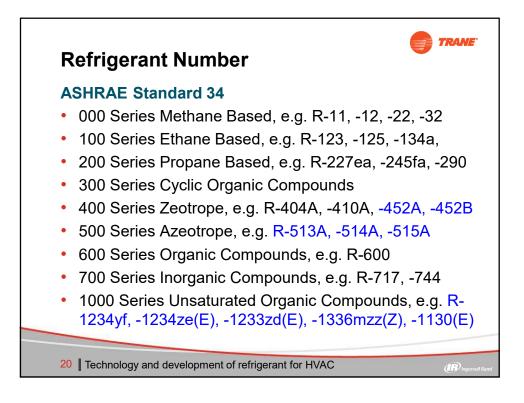


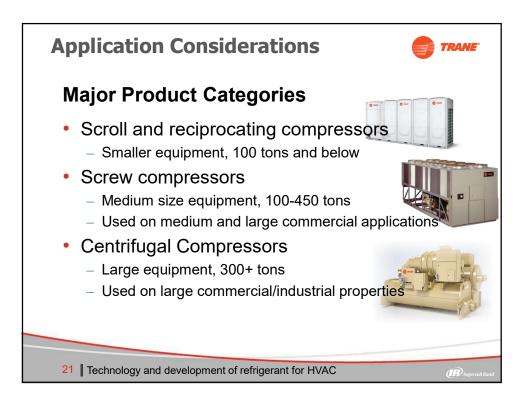


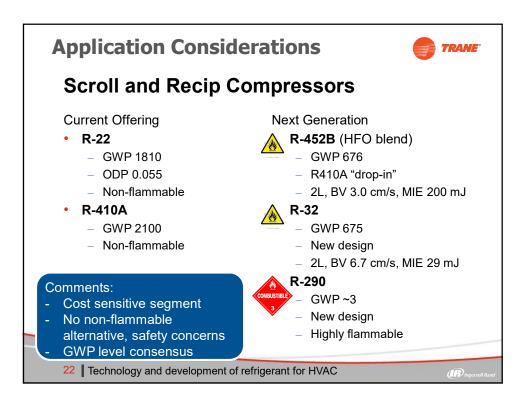


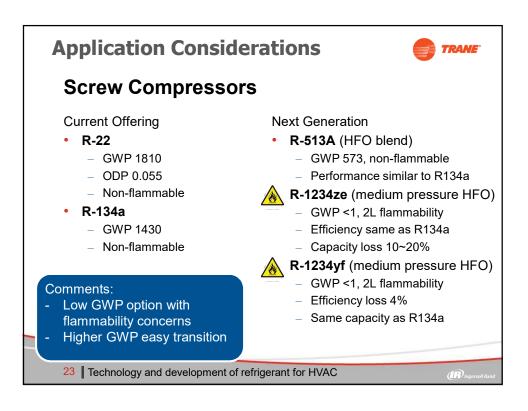


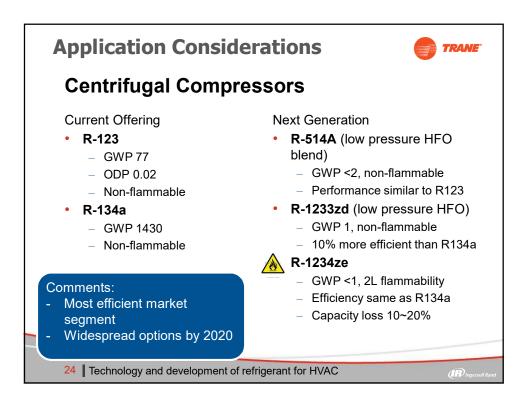


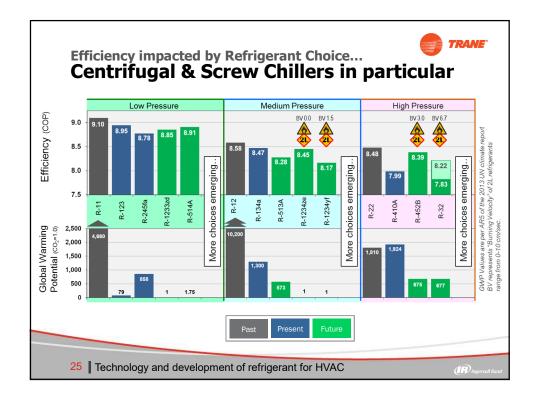


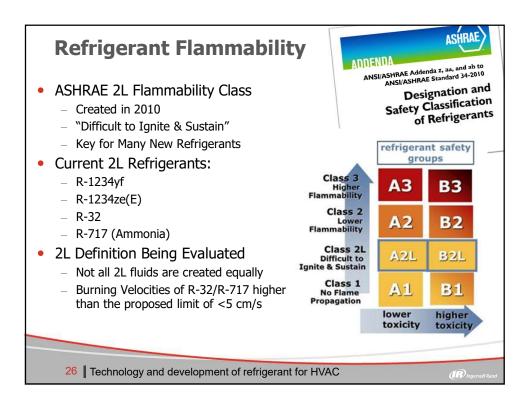




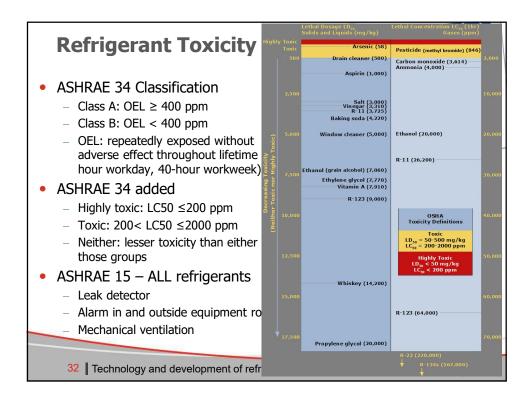






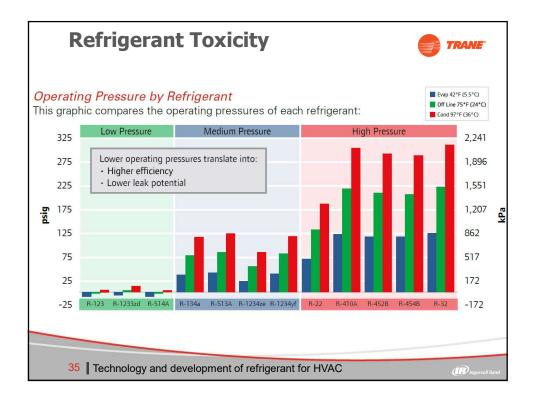






Refrigerant Number	Chemical Name ^{a,b}	Chemical Formula ^a		Safety Group	RCL ^c			Highly Toxic of
			OEL ^f , ppm v/v		(ppm v/v)	(lb/Mcf)	(g/m ³)	[–] Toxic ^d Under Code Classification
Methane Ser	ies							
11	trichlorofluoromethane	CCl ₃ F	C1000	A1	1100	0.39	6.2	Neither
12	dichlorodifluoromethane	CCl ₂ F ₂	1000	A1	18,000	5.6	90	Neither
12B1	bromochlorodifluoromethane	CBrClF ₂						Neither
13	chlorotrifluoromethane	CCIF ₃	1000	Al				Neither
13B1	bromotrifluoromethane	CBrF3	1000	Al				Neither
14 ^e	tetrafluoromethane (carbon tetrafluoride)	CF ₄	1000	Al	110,000	25	400	Neither
21	dichlorofluoromethane	CHCl ₂ F		B1				Toxic
22	chlorodifluoromethane	CHClF ₂	1000	Al	59,000	13	210	Neither
23	trifluoromethane	CHF ₃	1000	Al	41,000	7.3	120	Neither
30	dichloromethane (methylene chloride)	CH ₂ Cl ₂		B1				Neither





Refrigerant	ASF	IRAE 34	OEL, ppm	Normal Boiling Point, °C
R-514A	B1		320	29.0
R-123	B1	<u>.</u> 0	50	Room Temp. 27.0
R-1233zd	A1	tox	800	18.1
R-134a	A1	hly	1000	-26.0
R-513A	A1	ALL Neither tor highly to	650	-29.2
R-1234ze	A2L	nor	800	-19.0
R-410A	A1	toxic	1000	-51.6
R-32	A2L	to	1000	-52.0
R-452B	A2L		870	-51.0

