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**Information on illegal trade, production, and consumption of
controlled substances reported by the parties pursuant to
paragraph 7 of decision XIV/7, paragraph 5 (c) and (d) of
decision XXXI/34 and paragraph 3 of decision XXXIV/8**

Note by the Secretariat

1. In paragraph 7 of decision XIV/7, the Fourteenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer requested the Secretariat to collect any information on fully proved cases of illegal trade in ozone-depleting substances received from the parties and to disseminate it to all parties.
2. In paragraph 5 (c) and (d) of decision XXXI/3, parties were encouraged to report to the Ozone Secretariat on fully proved cases of illegal trade in controlled substances and on how significant cases of illegal production, import, export or consumption had been addressed, and on their causes, in order to facilitate an exchange of information.
3. Furthermore, in paragraph 3 of decision XXXIV/8, parties were encouraged to facilitate the exchange of information to prevent the illegal trade in controlled substances by reporting to the Secretariat fully proved cases of illegal trade and to the extent that parties were able to do so, providing information about illegal trade situations.
4. Pursuant to those decisions, the annex to the present note summarizes the information reported to the Secretariat since the previous note by the Secretariat on the matter (UNEP/OzL.Pro.34/INF/7).
5. As of 5 October 2023, the information, submitted by Australia, Bulgaria, China, Congo, France, Italy, Libya, Lithuania, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Romania, Seychelles, Spain, Türkiye and the United States of America, is presented without formal editing. Information on all cases of illegal trade reported to the Secretariat by the parties since 2002 is available on the website of the Secretariat.¹

¹ <https://ozone.unep.org/countries/additional-reported-information/illegal-trade>.

Annex I***Summary of information on illegal trade in ozone-depleting substances reported by parties pursuant to paragraph 7 of decision XIV/7, paragraph 5 (c) of decision XXXI/3 and paragraph 3 of decision XXXIV/8**

<i>Party</i>	<i>Seizure date</i>	<i>Substances traded</i>	<i>Volume</i>	<i>Importing/exporting country</i>	<i>Illegal trade details</i>	<i>Action taken</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Australia	12 July 2022	HFC-134a	48 kg		Bulk HFC-134a in non-refillable cylinders detected at border. Importer was found to be unlicensed.	Cylinders seized and the importer issued a seizure notice.	
	17 March 2022	HFC-134a	32 kg	From the United States to Australia	Equipment containing HFC-134a detected at border. Importer was unlicensed.	Equipment seized and the importer issued a seizure notice.	
	7 June 2021	R-404A HFC-134a	29.35 kg of R-404A and 0.15 kg of HFC-134a	From China to Australia	The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment received an allegation that a Chinese supplier is providing fraudulent declarations that the SGG equipment they supply does not contain refrigerant. Import monitoring detected a company importing SGG equipment from the Chinese supplier without a licence.	Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (SGG) equipment valued at AUD 218,613 seized at border following confirmation equipment contained HFC-40A and HFC-134a and the importer was unlicensed. Importer issued formal warning.	
Bulgaria	5 June 2019	R-404A HFC-134a	604 kg	From Türkiye to the Netherlands	The shipment papers were incorrect, and the goods were not declared.	The goods were seized and handed over to the State for subsequent destruction. An administrative procedure was initiated, and a penalty of 23,090	50 non-refillable cylinders seized

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						BGN (about 11,800 euros) imposed.	
	10 December 2019	HFC-32 R-404A	634.5 kg	From Türkiye and China	The shipment papers were incorrect, and the goods were not declared. Method of concealment: the goods were wrapped in black plastic bags and hidden amongst items of used furniture.	The entire quantity was seized.	60 non-refillable cylinders
	14 January 2020	HFC-134a	12,977.6 kg	From Türkiye to Hungary	The shipment papers were incorrect, and the goods were not declared and hidden amongst the declared goods.	The case was referred to the prosecutor. The entire quantity was seized.	966 non-refillable cylinders
	5 May 2020	R-404A HFC-134a	490 kg	From Türkiye to Germany and the Netherlands	The shipment papers were incorrect, and the goods were not declared and hidden amongst the declared goods.	The goods were seized and handed over to the State for subsequent destruction. An administrative procedure was initiated, and a penalty of 14,530 BGN (about 7,265 euros) imposed.	40 non-refillable cylinders seized
	30 March 2021	HFC-134a	2,880 kg	From Türkiye to Belgium	The cylinders were not labelled and were declared as empty containers for compressed or liquefied gas, of iron or steel.	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. An	240 refillable cylinders

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						administrative procedure was initiated, and a penalty of 49,289 BGN (about 24,644 euros) imposed.	
	28 June 2022	HCFC-22	6 kg	From Iraq to Netherlands	<p>An attempt to illegally import disposable bottle was intercepted by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).</p> <p>The shipment was undeclared and was found in a heavy-duty vehicle.</p>	The cylinder was seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	8 July 2022	HCFC-22	40.8 kg	From Serbia to Bulgaria	<p>An attempt to illegally import disposable bottles were intercepted by the Bulgarian customs at the Serbian-Bulgarian border (at Kalotina).</p> <p>The cylinders were found in the cab of the heavy-duty vehicle, behind the seat, on the bed.</p>	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	

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	13 October 2022	HCFC-22, HFC-32	36 kg	From Serbia to Bulgaria	An attempt to illegally import disposable bottles were intercepted by the Bulgarian customs at the Serbian-Bulgarian border (at Kalotina). The disposable bottles were found in the trunk of the car.	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	11 January 2022	R-449A	60 kg	From Turkiye to Germany and France	Disposable cylinders hidden in a heavy-duty vehicle were stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	15 February 2022	R-448A	10 kg	From Turkiye to Germany	Disposable cylinder hidden in a heavy-duty vehicle was stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinder was seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	

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	22 February 2022	R-404A	545 kg	From Turkiye to UK	Disposable cylinders hidden in a heavy-duty vehicle were stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	11 March 2022	R-448A	10 kg	From Turkiye to France	Disposable cylinder hidden in a heavy-duty vehicle was stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinder was seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	21 April 2022	HFC-134a	27.2 kg	From Turkiye to Bulgaria	Disposable cylinders hidden in a light duty vehicle were stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	

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	29 April 2022	HFC-134a	13.6 kg	From Turkiye to Belgium	Disposable cylinder hidden in a heavy-duty vehicle was stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinder was seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	29 April 2022	HFC-134a	27.2 kg	From Turkiye to Germany	Disposable cylinders hidden in a light duty vehicle were stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	10 May 2022	HFC-134a	13.6 kg	From Turkiye to Germany	Disposable cylinder hidden in a heavy-duty vehicle was stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinder was seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	

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	22 May 2022	HFC-134a	27.2 kg	From Turkiye to Ukraine	Disposable cylinders hidden in a bus were stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Malko Tarnovo).	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	7 June 2022	HFC-134a	27.2 kg	From Turkiye to Austria	Disposable cylinders hidden in a van were stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	7 June 2022	R-404A	10.9 kg	From Turkiye to Norway	Disposable cylinder hidden in a heavy-duty vehicle was stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinder was seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	

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	11 June 2022	HFC-134a	54.4 kg	From Turkiye to Bulgaria	Disposable cylinders hidden in a light duty vehicle were stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Malko Tarnovo).	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	20 June 2022	HFC-134a	27.2 kg	From Turkiye to Bulgaria	Disposable cylinders hidden in a light duty vehicle were stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Malko Tarnovo).	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	8 July 2022	R-404A	21.8 kg	From Turkiye to Bulgaria	Disposable cylinders hidden in a light duty vehicle were stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Lesovo).	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	

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	26 July 2022	HFC-134a R-410A R-407C R-404A	92.3 kg	From Iraq to UK	Disposable cylinders hidden in a heavy-duty vehicle were stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	2 August 2022	HFC-134a	27.2 kg	From Turkiye to Germany	Disposable cylinders hidden in a heavy-duty vehicle were stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	9 August 2022	R-404A	19.6 kg	From Turkiye to France	Disposable cylinders hidden in a heavy-duty vehicle were stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	

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	31 August 2022	HFC-134a	49 kg	From Turkiye to Bulgaria	Disposable cylinders hidden in a van were stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	31 August 2022	R-404A	29.4 kg	From Turkiye to France	Disposable cylinders hidden in a heavy-duty vehicle were stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	13 September 2022	HFC-134a	13.6 kg	From Turkiye to UK	Disposable cylinder hidden in a heavy-duty vehicle was stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinder was seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	

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	5 October 2022	R-404A	10.9 kg	From Turkiye to Bulgaria	Disposable cylinder hidden in a light duty vehicle was stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinder was seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	13 October 2022	R-404A	100 kg	From Turkiye to Bulgaria	Disposable cylinders hidden in a light duty vehicle were stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	18 October 2022	HFC-134a	54.4 kg	From Turkiye to Germany	Disposable cylinders hidden in a light duty vehicle were stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	

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	25 October 2022	HFC-134a	27.2 kg	From Turkiye to Poland	Disposable cylinders hidden in a heavy-duty vehicle were stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	25 October 2022	HFC-134a	27.24 kg	From Turkiye to Bulgaria	Disposable cylinders hidden in a light duty vehicle were stopped by the Bulgarian customs at the Bulgarian-Turkish border (at Kapitan Andreevo).	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	2 November 2022	R-404A	10 kg	From Turkiye to Bulgaria	Disposable cylinder declared was stopped at the Bulgarian-Serbia border (at Bregovo). The cylinder was hidden in a light duty vehicle.	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner.	

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	1 May 2022	HFC (the fluorinated greenhouse gas was not identified)	770 kg	From Serbia to Turkiye	Disposable cylinders were hidden in a autobus, on the right hand side in the direction of travel, in the third section of the cargo compartment, before the rear door. The cylinders were stopped at Kalotina.	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	30 May 2022	HFC-134a	54.4 kg	From not identified destination to Bulgaria	Four pcs. bottles, with one valve and refillable, labelled REFRIGERANT R134A were hidden in the trunk of the car, under the decorative bark, in the place of the spare tire. They were stopped at Kalotina.	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	28 August 2022	R-507A	56.5 kg	From not identified destination to Bulgaria	Five pcs. bottles (11.3 kg each) containing freon gas R507A, marked GLOBAL were hidden in the trunk of the car. They were stopped at Kalotina.	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	

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	17 October 2022	HFC-134a	27.2 kg	From Serbia to Bulgaria	Two cylinders (13.6 kg each) were hidden in the cab of the heavy-duty vehicle, behind the seat, on the bed. They were stopped at Kalotina.	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance with the law.	
	21 October 2022	R-410A R-404A R-407C HFC-32	51.5 kg	From not identified destination to Bulgaria	Disposable cylinders were hidden between the front and back seats of the car, under clothing. They were stopped at Kalotina.	The cylinders were seized by the customs authorities and planned to be destroyed in the facilities recommended by the law or dealt with in another lawful manner. The driver was sanctioned in accordance to the law.	
China	18 March 2021	HCFC-22, HCFC-141b	4,520 kg	From China to the Philippines	An attempt to export of a batch of goods was stopped by customs. Some of the goods were not declared to customs, including ozone depleting substances HCFC-22 and HCFC-141b.	The Chinese customs carried out on-site inspection and issued administrative penalties. Export of the goods was denied, and an administrative fine of CNY 2,845 was imposed.	

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	29 May 2021	HCFC-22	149.6 kg	From China to Lao People's Democratic Republic	An attempt to export a batch of goods by vehicle transport was stopped by customs. Some of the goods were not declared to customs, including ozone depleting substance HCFC-22.	The Chinese customs carried out an on-site inspection and issued administrative penalties. Export of the goods was denied, and an administrative fine of CNY 1,644 was imposed.	
	27 April 2022	HCFC-22	3,160 kg	From China to Indonesia	An attempt to export a batch of goods was stopped by the customs. Some of the goods were not declared to customs, including ozone depleting substance HCFC-22.	The Chinese customs carried out an on-site inspection and issued administrative penalties. Export of the goods was denied, and an administrative fine of CNY 3,000 was imposed.	
	24 May 2022	HCFC-141b	680 kg	From China to Myanmar	An attempt to export a batch of goods was stopped by customs. Some of the goods were not declared to customs, including ozone depleting substance HCFC-141b.	The Chinese customs carried out an on-site inspection and issued administrative penalties. Export of the goods was denied, and an administrative fine of CNY 900 was imposed.	
	16 June 2022	HCFC-22	1,120 kg	From China to Malaysia	Some of the goods attempted to be exported were not declared to customs, including ozone depleting substance HCFC-22.	The Chinese customs carried out an on-site inspection and issued administrative penalties. Export of the goods was denied, and an administrative fine of CNY 5,000 was imposed.	

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	13 May 2022	HCFC-22	3,000 kg	From China to Indonesia	Some of the goods attempted to be exported were not declared to customs, including ozone depleting substance HCFC-22.	The Chinese customs carried out an on-site inspection and issued administrative penalties. Export of the goods was denied, and an administrative fine of CNY 9,000 was imposed.	
	22 July 2022	HCFC-142b	2,190 kg	From China to the Nigeria	Some of the goods attempted to be exported were not declared to customs, including ozone depleting substance HCFC-141b.	The Chinese customs carried out an on-site inspection and issued administrative penalties. Export of the goods was denied, and an administrative fine of CNY 3,000 was imposed.	
Congo	2020	HCFC-22	273 kg	From China to the Congo	Import without a licence. Regulation 003 of 21 April 1991 on the protection of the environment stipulates in article 57 “import, production, trade and consumption of hazardous, potentially toxic, chemical substances are subject to the authorization by the Ministry of Environment”. Order 2057/MIME regulating imports of ODS and equipment containing them provides in its article 3 that: “The import, export and re-export of ODS and equipment containing them are subject to authorization by the Ministry responsible	The substances had been seized by the Port Customs officers who found that the importer did not have the licence of the Ministry of Trade. The Customs services contacted the Directors of Environment and Trade in the region, who in turn contacted the National Ozone Office. It was therefore concluded that the importer had to pay a fine set by law and then regularize his situation, before	

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					for trade on the advice of its environment counterpart”.	getting back his product. Since the importer had not appeared for two years, the 21 cylinders of 13 kg each had been auctioned off to refrigeration specialists. Awareness campaigns and training of Customs officers undertaken by the NOO for more than three years mean that no controlled substance and equipment containing them can enter the Congo without an import license.	
France	20 July 2020	HFC refrigerants	3,972 kg		The refrigerants were packaged in non-refillable cylinders, which are prohibited in the EU.	The cylinders were made available to French authorities.	
	29 September 2020	HFC refrigerants	8,000 kg		The refrigerants were packaged in non-refillable cylinders, which are prohibited in the EU.	The cylinders were made available to French authorities.	
	7 October 2020	HFC refrigerants	935 kg		The refrigerants were packaged in non-refillable cylinders, which are prohibited in the EU.	The cylinders were made available to French authorities.	
	21 November 2020	HFC refrigerants	11,400 kg		The refrigerants were packaged in non-refillable cylinders, which are prohibited in the EU.	The cylinders were made available to French authorities.	1,140 cylinders containing 11,400 kg of HFC refrigerants

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	23 May 2022	HFC-134a and R-404A	35,139 kg	From Türkiye to France	Non-refillable bottles are prohibited by article 11 of EU regulation 517/2014. Importing company was not registered on the F-Gas portal of the European Commission (article 19 of EU regulation 517/2014). The importer listed on the customs declaration was not the actual consignee of the goods.	Seizure of goods. Re-export to Türkiye.	2,703 cylinders
	2022	Waste refrigerants (CFCs and HCFCs)		Importer: France	Presentation of the license a posteriori	Infringement notified to operator with penalties. Presentation of a valid license.	
	2022	Carbon tetrachloride	19,760 kg	From France to India	Invalid license	Infringement notified to operator with penalties. Presentation of a valid license.	
	2022	Gas extinguishers	158.3 kg	From Kuwait to France	Invalid license	Infringement notified to operator. Presentation of a valid license.	

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	2022	Halon 1301	20,000 kg	From India to France	Presentation of an already cleared license	Infringement notified to operator. Presentation of a valid license.	
	2022	Mechanical fire extinguishers	142 kg	Importer: France	Invalid license	Infringement notified to operator. Presentation of a valid license.	
	2022	Halon 1301	29,940 kg	From India to France	Invalid license	Infringement notified to operator. Presentation of a valid license.	
	2022	Fire extinguishers	11,700 kg	From France to India	Export without licence	Infringement notified to operator. Regularization a posteriori.	
Italy	5 February 2020	R-410A and HFC-134a	6,000 kg of R-410A and 4,320 kg of HFC-134a	From Türkiye to Italy	Refrigerant gases	Seizure and confiscation	

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	5 December 2019	HFC-134a, R-404A and HFO-1234yf	25.6 kg of HFC-134a, 9.8 kg of R-404A, and 5 kg of HFO-1234yf	Unknown	Products seized during a control exercise at a retailer store	Seizure and confiscation	
	6 February 2020	HFCs	2,510 kg	from Türkiye to Italy	Infringement of articles 16, 17 and 19 of the EU Regulation no. 517/2014	Implementing articles 16 and 17 of the EU regulation, a violation of the provisions has been notified pursuant to pertinent national law (art.11 of RDL 14.11.1926 no.1923, converted into the law of 07 July 1927 no.1495 and subsequent amendments, as amended, most recently art. 67 Legislative Decree 12.30.1999 no. 507). In relation to article 19 infringement, art. 6 of Legislative Decree No. 26/2013 and subsequent amendments have been applied.	The goods (138 gas cylinders) found at the warehouse were seized pursuant to art.13 L. 689/91 and articles 11 of Law 1495/1927 and 20 of Law 689/81. A total of 182.442 kg of HFCs imported in 2019 was found in violation of the EU Regulation n. 517/2014
	25 July 2019	HFCs	49.4 kg	From Tunisia to Italy	Goods not declared brought in a car coming from Tunisia by ship.	Seizure and report to the prosecutor	
	1 August 2019	HFCs	46.3 kg	From Tunisia to Italy	Goods not declared brought in a car coming from Tunisia by ship.	Seizure and report to the prosecutor	
	16 August 2019	HFCs	21.8 kg	From Tunisia to Italy	Goods not declared brought in a car coming from Tunisia by ship.	Seizure and report to the prosecutor	

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	7 April 2021	HFC-134a R-404A	19,368 kg of HFC-134a and 4,280 kg of R404-A	From China to Italy	Refrigerant cylinders without labelling; OLAF Case OC/2018/1145; 3. Art. 16-17 Regulation EU 517/2014	Administrative detention ex art. 13 and 19, Law n° 689/81, penalties, reporting to the competent authorities. Violations: 1) art. 11 Law R.D.L. N° 1923/26, amended by art. 67 D.LGS. N° 507/99; 2) art. 6 Law N° 26/2013	
	26 August 2019	HFCs	13.6 kg	From Tunisia to Italy	Goods not declared brought in a car coming from Tunisia by ship.	Seizure and report to the prosecutor	
	29 September 2019	HFCs	22.2 kg	From Tunisia to Italy	Goods not declared brought in a car coming from Tunisia by ship.	Seizure and report to the prosecutor	
	10 November 2019	HFCs	21.8 kg	From Tunisia to Italy	Goods not declared brought in a car coming from Tunisia by ship.	Seizure and report to the prosecutor	
	17 April 2019	HFC-134a R-404A R-407C R410A	8,160 kg of HFC-134a, 328 kg of R-404A, 340 kg of R- 407C and 340 kg of R-410A	From Türkiye to Italy	Import without EU quota; omitted HFC portal registration and found in non- refillable containers.	Seizure and crime report to the public prosecutor of Trieste	
	6 March 2020	R-407C R-410A	855 kg of R- 407C and 1,470 kg of R- 410A	From Türkiye to Italy	Import without EU quota; omitted HFC portal registration	Seizure and crime report to the public prosecutor of Trieste	
	9 March 2020	HFC-134a HFC-143a HFC-125		Germany and the Netherlands	Goods not declared	Seizure	40 cylinders with mixed refrigerant gas, cylinders labelled "Honest R- 404A"

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	2 September 2019	HFC-134a	408 kg	From China via Türkiye to Italy	Art. 11 paragraph 1 of EU Regulation no. 517/2014 (non-refillable container)	Seizure	
	29 January 2020	HFC-134a HFC-143a R-410A HFC-32	628 kg	Transit from Greece	Art. 11 paragraph 1 of the EU Regulation no. 517/2014 (non-refillable container)	Seizure	
	9 August 2020	R-404A	21.8 kg	From Tunisia to Italy (Palermo)	Concealment, non-refillable cylinders hidden between luggage identified during travellers' border controls; 3. Regulation EU 517/2014.	Seizure and crime report to Public Prosecutor	
	20 December 2020	HCFC-22	13.6 kg	from Tunisia to Italy (Palermo)	Concealment, non-refillable cylinders hidden between luggage identified during travellers' border controls; 3. Regulation EU 517/2014.	Seizure and crime report to Public Prosecutor	
	17 October 2021	HCFC-22	13.6 kg	from Tunisia to Italy (Palermo)	Concealment, non-refillable cylinders hidden between luggage identified during travellers' border controls; 3. Regulation EU 517/2014.	Seizure and crime report to Public Prosecutor	
	21 September 2020	HFC-32	12.040 kg	from Tunisia to Italy (Palermo)	Illegal importation without a quota; detected during a post-clearance control of import custom declarations.	Seizure and application of a fine	
	23 September 2020	HCFC-22 R-404A R-410A HFC-32	300 cylinders of total 3,700 kg	From China to Italy	Italian customs authorities identified the consignment (goods declared as empty cylinders) shipped by sea as suspicious. The importing company was not in possession of the necessary F-gas import quota. Regulation EU 517/2014		

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	21 July 2020	HFC-32	12,040 kg	From Tunisia to Italy	The import was carried out without a quota	Confiscated, an administrative fine applicable from € 206.58 to € 2,478.99 pursuant to art. 11 RDL 1923/1926	
	18 May 2021			From China to Italy	Assessment review on internal verification on intelligence/initiative. Regulation EU no. 517/2014.	Not released for free circulation	The seizure was made in 2021 while the imports were in 2018–2019 when the quota system was not well known
	31 May 2021	HFC-134a	544 kg	From Ukraine to Italy	Art. 16, Regulation EU no. 517/2014, Imports without authorization, no quota for F-gas.	Not released for free circulation	The seizure was made in 2021 while the imports were made in 2018–2019 when the quota system was not well known
	15 November 2021	R-404A	196 kg	To Italy	Assessment review on import without authorization. No notification received from the EC on the quota for F-gas import (Regulation EU no. 517/2014)	Penalty imposed	16 cylinders

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	16 August 2021	HFC-134a	3,950 kg	From China via Netherlands to Italy	No documentation relating to the assignment, no allocation of quota and registration in the European HFC Register; control at the Customs of Ancona, the customs declaration with which the goods were declared imported from China by the Italian company: Halogenated derivatives of hydrocarbons: Tetrafluoroethene (freon gas) R134A, F-Gas contained in 5 cylinders for a total net weight of 3,950 Kg. The quantity of F-Gas, imported by the company, was intended to load the air conditioners of the ship under construction at the shipyard located in the port of Ancona. EU Regulation no. 517/2014. Legislative Decree. no. 163/2019	Report of Seizure and Reliance in Judicial Free Case (Articles 354 and 259 of the Code of Criminal Procedure)	Arrange, follow and complete checklists on fluorinated greenhouse gases in bulk according to the guidance of EU Regulation no. 517/2014; arrange, follow and complete F- Gas Equipment Checklist a greenhouse effect or whose functioning depends on these gases
	20 January 2022	R-407C	3,767 kg	From China to Italy	Ship customs inspection on import with physical verification, fake declaration of possession of quota. Art 483 Penal Code.	Crime report	
	30 June 2022	R-410A	n/a	From France to Italy	Assessment review on import documentary check on INF AM. Imports without authorization, that is, quota for F-gas ex art. 2, Regulation EU no. 517/2014 (without registration and quota)	Crime report	

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Lithuania	2020	R-452A	32.14 kg (2 imports, total of 32 items of equipment)	From Russia to Lithuania	Imports outside the quota system but with customs declaration (illegal trade detected after additional audit in 2022)	Released for free circulation	A fine imposed
	2020	R-404A	21.13 kg (5 imports, total of 103 items of equipment)	From Russia to Lithuania	The goods were misdeclared with wrong HS code (illegal trade detected after additional audit in 2022)	Released for free circulation.	A fine imposed
	2021	R-404A	6.36 kg (4 imports, total of 59 items of equipment)	From Russia to Lithuania	The goods were misdeclared with wrong HS code (illegal trade detected after additional audit in 2022).	Released for free circulation	A fine imposed
	10 May 2021	HFC-134a	650 kg (650 pcs of single use aluminium canisters for medical device)	From United States to Lithuania	Imports outside the quota system but with customs declaration.	Released for free circulation	A fine imposed.
	11 February 2022	R-404A	21.8 kg (2 seizures)	From Belarus to Lithuania	Smuggling of non-refillable cylinders.	Seizure	A fine imposed. Goods were confiscated.
	6 September 2022	R-410A and HFC-32	10,683 kg of HFC-32 (seized 8 air conditioners charged with refrigerant); 9 kg of R-410A (seized 3 air conditioners charged with refrigerant).	From China to Latvia	Import of air conditioners without compliant labelling.	Seizure. Released for free circulation following labelling of the cylinders and equipment as required by EU F-gas legislation.	Pending administrative case.

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	17 June 2022	Methyl bromide	179,000 kg	From India via Belgium to Libya	<p>This shipment was brought to Libya with forged documents submitted by the supplier.</p> <p>The technicians of the Ministry of Environment checked the shipment and found that the shipment contained methyl bromide.</p>	The shipment was seized. Port authorities were notified of the illegal trade. All parties involved in the illegal importation were investigated in accordance with national legislation.	The national regulation stipulates that the prohibited substances must be re-exported to the country of origin. On 30 August 2023, the illegally imported quantity of methyl bromide was sent back to Belgium.
Nigeria	2013	CFC-12	89 Cylinders of 16.8KG \approx 1.5 tons of CFC-12	From China to Nigeria	<p>In 2013, a company illegally imported 89 cylinders containing 16.8 kg of CFC-12 refrigerant each from China to Lagos, Nigeria. The Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) and National Agency for Food and Drug Administration & Control (NAFDAC) are designated national authorities responsible for control of import/export and issuance of licence and permits to chemical importers in Nigeria. NCS and NAFDAC in collaboration confiscated this illegal import. The shipment papers did not state that it was CFC-12. It was identified using gas identifiers.</p>	<p>The seized goods were received by the National Ozone Unit and safely stored at the Ozone village – a centre for ozone-friendly technology development. The company that illegally traded in the CFC-12 was fined, which was paid, and also issued with a letter of warning. The company is still operating but under very strict supervision by the relevant chemical regulatory agency. The CFC-12 was destroyed using rotary kiln incineration technology, under Nigeria's Pilot ODS Wastes Disposal Project implemented by UNIDO.</p>	<p>in 2019 UNEP issued global award certificates for NAFDAC and NCS in recognition of their roles in preventing illegal use of banned ozone depleting substances, specifically CFC-12 in Nigeria, and encouraged the Ministry to present the certificates to the agencies during celebrations of World Ozone Day. The award certificates and medals were presented to the two organizations accordingly.</p>

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North Macedonia	14 September 2021	200 cylinders of R-407C, 100 cylinders of HFC-32	3,160 kg	From Türkiye to North Macedonia	200 pieces of R407C were in non-refillable cylinders. The control performed with Refrigerant Analyzer ULTIMA ID PRO RI-700H confirmed that the F-gases were R-407C and HFC-32.	The temporarily detained 200 pieces of R-407C / 11.3 kg will be returned to the Turkish exporter.	Total value of the shipment was around \$20,700. The controls were done under the operational activities within the operation “Illegal trade in F-gases / non-refillable cylinders – 2021” on September 1, 2021.
	1 October 2021	100 cylinders of R-404A, 20 cylinders of R-410A, 20 cylinders of HFC-134a	1,588 kg	From Serbia to North Macedonia	All cylinders were non-refillable. The control performed with Refrigerant Analyser ULTIMA ID PRO RI-700H confirmed that the F-gases were R-404A, R-410A and HFC-134a.	The temporarily detained 140 pieces of R-404A / 10.9kg, R-410A / 11.3kg and HFC-134a / 13.6kg will be returned to the Serbian exporter.	Total value of the shipment was around 7460 euros.
	23 February 2022	57 bottles of F-gas R-507A, 4 bottles of F-gas HFC-134a	693 kg	From North Macedonia to Bulgaria	The shipment was destined to Bulgaria from North Macedonia via Deve Bair of North Macedonia and Gyueshevo of Bulgaria. The commodities were declared as plastic barrels (HS Code 3923.90). The cylinders were non-refillable. The use of non-refillable cylinders is prohibited in the European Union and North Macedonia.	The shipment was concealed among the declared plastic barrels.	The export and import companies were not involved in the smuggling. The offender who was driving the truck and trailer, is a North Macedonian national and the owner of the transport company. The truck used for transportation is registered to Bulgaria. The seizure was made based on risk profiling

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Papua New Guinea	27 July 2021	HCFC-22	544 kg	From China to Papua New Guinea	The HCFC-22 was declared correctly while the current importer claiming to be unaware of import restrictions, was not Authorized and did not possess an Environment Permit to Import HCFC-22. Through documentation checks a Customs Officer who had undergone NOU Customs trainings identified the HCFC-22 and informed the NOU accordingly.	Upon reporting to the National Ozone Unit, the Customs officer was advised to detain the consignment for further investigation and action. Upon investigation, it was found that the company was previously informed of the restrictions in a previous incident of illegal import. The Environment Authority penalized the company by: confiscating the imported HCFC-22; charging the company a penalty fine of PGK50,000.00; issuing a second warning indicating that a 3rd contravention would result in the matter being taken to court and the Authority suspending the company's Mining Permit.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is important to provide updated information and training to Customs officers. 2. It is good for the NOU to have access to the Customs ASYCUDA system. 3. The engagement of a lawyer from the Department of Justice to be on call for such cases is recommended. 4. Updated laws and regulations for better control of ODS. 5. Establishing an E-permitting system will contribute to limiting illegal trade.

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	30 June 2020	HCFC-22	1,496 kg	From China to Papua New Guinea	The HCFC-22 was declared correctly while the importer, claiming to be unaware of Import Restrictions, was not Authorized and did not possess an Environment Permit to Import HCFC-22. Through documentation checks a Customs Officer, who had undergone NOU Customs training, identified the R22 and informed the NOU accordingly.	Upon reporting to the NOU, the Customs officer was advised to detain the consignment for further investigation and action. Upon investigation and confirmation of HCFC-22 quantities, the company was issued a warning and direction to apply for a one-off permit for the imported quantity.	<p>1.The main lesson from this event was to ensure regular communication with Customs officers.</p> <p>2. More awareness needs to be raised, on import requirements, and e-permitting will assist with limiting illegal imports.</p> <p>3.Penalizing companies that import illegally will serve as an example to others and encourage them to comply. The practice of letting companies off with a warning and issuing permits upon arrival of consignments is not appropriate as it is indirectly promoting this behaviour and contradicts the local Prior Consent Approval requirements that are part of the import process.</p> <p>4.It is important to act quickly in such cases to ensure response and relevant investigations are in compliance with Customs regulations/policies on consignment detainment and clearance, and so on.</p>
Poland	14 January 2022	R-452A	85.8 kg	From Turkey to Poland	Violation of regulations 517/2014, false labelling, no quota.	Due to the lack of a quota and the lack of required information on the label, it was	

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						not allowed for free circulation.	
	21 February 2022	R-404A	10.9 kg	From Ukraine to Poland	Smuggling, goods not declared for customs clearance, non-refillable cylinders.	Goods detained at the border on suspicion of smuggling are not permitted to circulate freely within the EU territory. Instead, they are withdrawn from the border and returned to the exporting country, in accordance with the provisions of the Polish Act on ODS and f-gases. Criminal and fiscal proceedings are initiated against the individuals involved. Following the proceedings, fines for smuggling are imposed.	

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	23 February 2022	HFC-134a	13.6 kg	From Ukraine to Poland	Smuggling, goods not declared for customs clearance, non-refillable cylinders.	Goods detained at the border on suspicion of smuggling are not permitted to circulate freely within the EU territory. Instead, they are withdrawn from the border and returned to the exporting country, in accordance with the provisions of the Polish Act on ODS and f-gases. Criminal and fiscal proceedings are initiated against the individuals involved. Following the proceedings, fines for smuggling are imposed.	

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	5 July 2022	HFC-134a	13.6 kg	From Ukraine to Poland	Smuggling, goods not declared for customs clearance, non-refillable cylinders.	Goods detained at the border on suspicion of smuggling are not permitted to circulate freely within the EU territory. Instead, they are withdrawn from the border and returned to the exporting country, in accordance with the provisions of the Polish Act on ODS and f-gases. Criminal and fiscal proceedings are initiated against the individuals involved. Following the proceedings, fines for smuggling are imposed.	
	3 August 2022	HFC-134a	5.4 kg	From Ukraine to Poland	Smuggling, goods not declared for customs clearance, non-refillable cylinders.	Goods detained at the border on suspicion of smuggling are not permitted to circulate freely within the EU territory. Instead, they are withdrawn from the border and returned to the exporting country, in accordance with the provisions of the Polish Act on ODS and f-gases. Criminal and fiscal proceedings are initiated against the individuals involved.	

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						Following the proceedings, fines for smuggling are imposed.	
	24 August 2022	R-410A	3.7 kg	From China to Poland	Violation of regulations 517/2014, false labelling.	Corrective procedure: calling the entity to remove the deficiencies to complete the data on the label.	
	23 September 2022	HFC-23 HCFC-22 R-507A HFC-134a	19,349 kg	From China to Poland	Violation of regulations 517/2014, non-refillable cylinders, no quota, lack of documentation.	The goods were detected and detained in a warehouse inland. No customs or trade documentation was found and those responsible were not identified.	
	13 October 2022	HFC-32	82 kg	From China to Poland	Violation of regulations 517/2014, false labelling	Corrective procedure: calling the entity to remove the deficiencies to complete the data on the label.	
	18 October 2022	R-410A	11.4 kg	From China to Poland	Violation of regulations 517/2014, false labelling.	Corrective procedure: calling the entity to remove the deficiencies to complete the data on the label.	
	12 December 2022	HFC-32	41.2 kg	From China to Poland	Violation of regulations 517/2014, false labelling.	Corrective procedure: calling the entity to remove the deficiencies to complete the data on the label.	

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Romania	25 May 2020; 18 June 2020; 19 June 2020 (2 seizures); 30 June 2020; 16 July 2020	HFC-134a R-404A R407C R-507A	76,145 kg	From China to Romania	Four of the consignees were not registered in the EU F-gas registry, and the fifth would have far exceeded its 2020 quota. In most cases, the refrigerants were packaged in non-refillable cylinders, which are prohibited in the EU.	Court cases were initiated and resulted in financial penalties	The illegal trade was discovered by cross-referencing customs data with the EU F-gas portal (registration and quota allocation) and performing physical inspections of the shipments to determine the type and quality of the refrigerants in the cylinders shipped.
	7 October 2020	R-404A	11,000 kg	From Türkiye to Romania	The consignee was not registered for the import of refrigerants into the EU and thus did not have an import quota for HFCs.	Returned to sender	OLAF received an official confirmation from the General Directorate of Customs that the shipment left the EU on 15 October 2020.
	11 August 2020	HFC refrigerants	9,512.5 kg		The consignee was not registered in the EU F-gas portal and thus did not have a quota to import HFCs.	Returned to sender	1,034 cylinders
	10 November 2020	R-410A R-404A	1,020 kg		The consignee was not registered in the EU F-gas portal and thus did not have a quota to import HFCs	Returned to sender	600 cylinders containing 1,020 kg of HFC refrigerants (340 kg of HFC-410A and 680 kg of HFC-404A)
	18 November 2020	HFC refrigerants	25,500 kg		The consignee was not registered in the EU F-gas portal and thus did not have a quota to import HFCs	Returned to sender	
Seychelles	September 2021	HCFC-22		From Seychelles to China	According to the information that was sent to the importer by supplier, the substance was supposed to be HFC-134a	The importer was fined as per the Environment Protection (Ozone) Regulations 2010	The equipment was seized on arrival by customs. However, the gas was removed and the equipment retrofitted with HFC-134a

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	24 May 2022	HCFC-22	3 kg	From Seychelles to China	According to the information that was sent to the importer by the supplier, the substance was supposed to be HFC-134a	Environment fine paid (SR3000/Equipment)	The equipment has been seized on arrival by customs, until reshipment of the HCFC-22 cylinder. The equipment was retrofitted, and reshipment of refrigerant gas done.
	26 September 2022	HCFC-141b	81 kg	From Seychelles to United Arab Emirates	Refrigerant was imported without proper procedures	Refrigerant was seized at custom and fine to be paid (SR3000/kg)	Awaiting reshipment to country of origin
Spain	10 September 2021	HFCs	1,600 kg	From Lithuania to Spain	Criminal group composed of Lithuanian citizens had been illegally distributing HFCs in Spain. The F-gas was being illegally introduced (without a quota) through Lithuania and sent by road to Spain	Criminal procedure. Six people were arrested	https://anti-fraud.ec.europa.eu/media-corner/news/olaf-helps-dismantle-criminal-network-involved-illicit-trade-refrigerant-gases-2022-06-30_en
	7 July 2022	HFCs	110,000 kg	To Spain	Criminal organization dedicated to illegally introducing and distributing F-gases in Spain used the modus operandi of declaring exports from Spanish customs' warehouses to third countries, but the F-gas would actually remain in Spain.	Criminal procedures. Thirty people were arrested (6 were sent to prison)	https://anti-fraud.ec.europa.eu/media-corner/news/olaf-helps-dismantle-criminal-network-involved-illicit-trade-refrigerant-gases-2022-06-30_en
	29 July 2022	HFCs	7,924 kg	To Estonia and Spain	Criminal organization composed of 4 people dedicated to illegally distributing F-gases in Spain were illegally introducing HFCs mainly through Spanish ports.	Criminal procedures. Four people were arrested	https://anti-fraud.ec.europa.eu/media-corner/news/olaf-helps-dismantle-criminal-network-involved-illicit-trade-refrigerant-gases-2022-06-30_en

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	13 September 2021	HFCs	4,969 kg	To Portugal	Criminal organization dedicated to illegally introducing and distributing F-gases in Spain was illegally introducing HFCs (without a quota) through Portugal.	Criminal procedures. Seven people arrested	https://anti-fraud.ec.europa.eu/media-corner/news/olaf-helps-dismantle-criminal-network-involved-illicit-trade-refrigerant-gases-2022-06-30_en
Türkiye	6 February 2022	Refrigerant gas	12 pieces	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Detected in a search carried out in a workplace upon notice; Anti-Smuggling Law No.5607, Article 3/7.		
	28 February 2020	HCFC-22	40 kg		Detected in a search carried out in a workplace upon notice; Anti-Smuggling Law No.5607, Article 3/7.		
	11 February 2020	HCFC-22	11 pieces		Detected in a search carried out in a workplace upon notice; Anti-Smuggling Law No.5607, Article 3/5.		
	21 April 2017	R-407	11 kg		Carried out by misdeclaration. Detected in a vehicle wanting to exit the free zone. Anti-Smuggling Law No.5607, Article 3/1.		
United States of America	27 April, 9 May, and 17 May 2022 (note that these are the approximate date of imports, not the date of seizure)	R-404A R-410A R-407C	3,379 kg of R-404A, 6,441 kg of R-410A, and 1,100 kg of R-407C	From Mexico to United States of America	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No allowance (that is, no quotas or licences) to import the HFCs. 2. United States federal agencies (such as the Environmental Protection Agency and Customs and Border Protection) identified that the importer did not have sufficient allowances. 3. The American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7675, and the regulations promulgated thereunder at 40 C.F.R. Part 	The United States Environmental Protection Agency issued a Notice of Violation to HVAC Services (the importer), and further investigation is continuing.	

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					84, especially 40 C.F.R. § 84.5(b).		
	26 April and 6 August 2022 (note that these are the approximate date of imports, not the date of seizure)	R-404A, R-410A	17,985 kg of R-404A and 13,221 kg of R-410A	From China to the United States of America	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No allowance (that is, no quotas or licences) to import the HFCs. 2. United States federal agencies (such as the Environmental Protection Agency and Customs and Border Protection) identified that the importer did not have sufficient allowances. 3. The American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7675, and the regulations promulgated thereunder at 40 C.F.R. Part 84, especially 40 C.F.R. § 84.5(b) 	The United States Environmental Protection Agency issued a Notice of Violation to Oldach Associates (the importer), and further investigation is continuing.	
	10 September 2022 (the approximate date of imports, not the date of seizure)	HFC-245fa	20,000 kg	From China to the United States of America	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No allowance (that is, no quotas or licences) to import the HFCs. 2. United States federal agencies (that is, the Environmental Protection Agency and Customs and Border Protection) identified that the importer did not have sufficient allowances. 3. American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7675, and the regulations promulgated thereunder at 40 C.F.R. Part 84, especially 40 C.F.R. § 84.5(b) 	The United States Environmental Protection Agency issued the Notice of Violation to Open Mountain Energy (the importer), and further investigation is continuing.	

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	January 2022 (the approximate date of imports, not the date of seizure)		81,617 tons CO ₂ eq. worth of HFCs		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No allowances (that is, no quotas or licences) to import the HFCs. 2. United States federal agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency and Customs and Border Protection) identified that the importer did not have sufficient allowances. 3. American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7675, and the regulations promulgated thereunder at 40 C.F.R. Part 84, especially 40 C.F.R. § 84.5(b) 	The United States Environmental Protection Agency retired 81,617 tons of CO ₂ eq. of American Air Components' (the importer) calendar year 2022 allowances and 40,808.5 tons of CO ₂ eq. of calendar year 2023 allowances (a 50% premium).	
	January 2022 (the approximate date of imports, not the date of seizure)		96,703.8 tons CO ₂ eq. worth of HFCs		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No allowance (that is, no quotas or licences) to import the HFCs. 2. United States federal agencies (such as, Environmental Protection Agency and Customs and Border Protection) identified that the importer did not have sufficient allowances. 3. American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7675, and the regulations promulgated thereunder at 40 C.F.R. Part 84, especially 40 C.F.R. § 84.5(b) 	The United States Environmental Protection Agency retired 96,703.8 tons CO ₂ eq. of Meraki Group's (the importer) calendar year 2022 allowances and 48,351.9 tons CO ₂ eq. of Meraki Group's calendar year 2023 allowances (a 50% premium).	