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Final Changes to GWP Rule under AIM

On May 21st, the U.S. EPA Administrator, Lee Zeldin, together with the White House, announced final changes to the 2023 Technology Transitions Rule under the AIM Act.

- **Significant Delay of Compliance Dates for Refrigeration:** Responding to concerns from supermarket retailers about the cost impact and achievability of the rule, the EPA revises the A2L compliance date to 2032 for remote condensing units (originally 2026) and supermarkets (originally 2027). As a more gradual approach to reduce HFCs, EPA establishes interim GWP limits beginning in 2026 (see table on next page).
- **Deadline Eliminated for pre-2025 R-410A Systems:** EPA eliminates the January 1, 2026 installation deadline for R-410A split air conditioning and heat pumps manufactured or imported prior to January 1, 2025. There is no change to the three-year sell through for packaged products, nor the prohibition on new production of complete R-410A equipment.

Background

The EPA Technology Transitions Rule, finalized under the AIM Act, restricts high-GWP HFCs across multiple sectors to support the phasedown. Issued on October 5, 2023, it has since been updated to extend installation deadlines and reduce stranded inventory risks. In 2025, Administrator Zeldin announced a reconsideration of the rule to address affordability concerns.

Next Steps

The final rule will be effective 60 days after publication, which is anticipated in the coming weeks. Based on public comments submitted in response to the reconsideration proposal, Rheem anticipates backlash from climate organizations as well as manufacturer trade associations. Rheem Government Affairs will continue to track all related activity.

Key Takeaways

- EPA finalizes its reconsideration of the AIM TT Rule and significantly extends the A2L compliance dates for refrigeration equipment.
- Amendments include elimination of the installation deadline for R-410A systems made or imported prior to 2025.
- For links to the final rule and fact sheet, see <https://www.epa.gov/climate-hfcs-reduction/regulatory-actions-technology-transitions>



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Amended Restrictions on HFCs for Commercial Refrigeration

Equipment Subsector	Original Technology Transitions Rule		Final Amendments to Technology Transitions Rule			
	GWP Limit	Installation Compliance Date	GWP Limit	Installation Compliance Date	GWP Limit	Installation Compliance Date
Cold storage systems with refrigerant charge $\geq$ 200 lbs	150	1/1/2026	700	60 Days after publication	150	1/1/2032
Cold storage systems with refrigerant charge < 200 lbs	300	1/1/2026	700	60 Days after publication	300	1/1/2032
Retail food refrigeration – remote condensing units with refrigerant charge $\geq$ 200 lbs	150	1/1/2026	1,400	60 Days after publication	150	1/1/2032
Retail food refrigeration – remote condensing units with refrigerant charge < 200 lbs	300	1/1/2026	1,400	60 Days after publication	300	1/1/2032
Supermarket systems with refrigerant charge $\geq$ 200 lbs	150	1/1/2027	1,400	1/1/2027	150	1/1/2032
Supermarket systems with refrigerant charge < 200 lbs	300	1/1/2027	1,400	1/1/2027	300	1/1/2032