

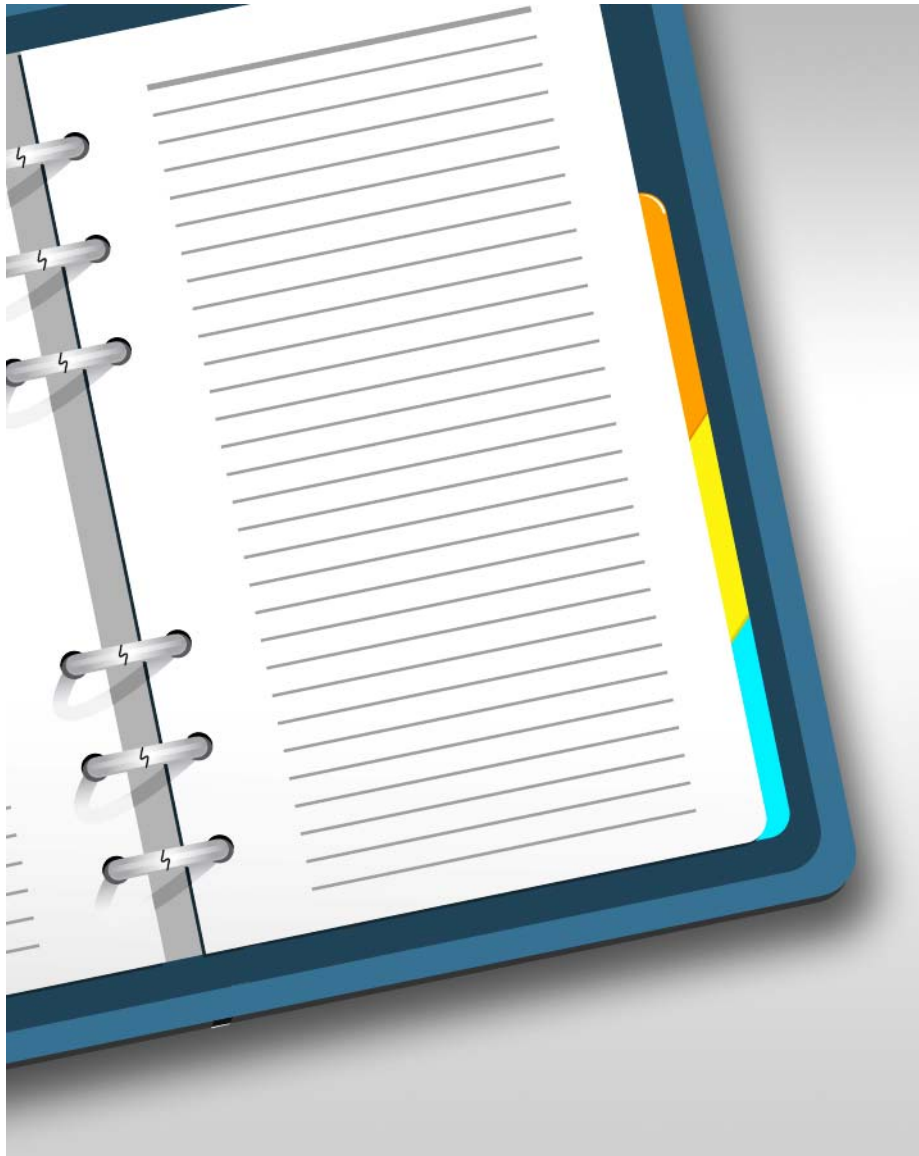
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# Hydrocarbons in the USA



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## Background:

- Hydrocarbons have been used as refrigerant in household and light commercial for approx. 20 years.
  - Europe as front runner
  - USA did not follow, mainly due to the US law-suit culture
  
- Within a few months, the US will allow specific hydrocarbons for household and food retail cabinets
  
- Agenda:
  - Legislation
  - Scope and requirements
  - Outlook/market reactions

## EPA SNAP initiative:



- Environmental Protection Agency (**EPA**) is the US ministry of environment
- Under its Significant New Alternative Policy (**SNAP**) program is proposes

<http://www.epa.gov/ozone/snap/regulations.html>

*“Rule 17 - Listing of Four Hydrocarbon Substitutes for Household Refrigerators and Freezers and Retail Food Refrigeration”*

- Official proposal published in May 2010, but is result of year long push headed by Unilever
- Expected to go into force within a few months



## Legal Framing:

- Hydrocarbons were never illegal in US on federal level
  
- SNAP rule works as a protective legal barrier
  - Legal system in the USA is very aggressive.
  - EPA is an official body stating that the risk is acceptable
  - Insurance companies may not be willing to insure companies beyond the officially accepted risk





## Scope and Requirements:

- Household freezers and refrigerators (UL250) up to 57g of
  - R600a, HCR-188C or HCR-188C1
- Food Retail standalone units (UL471) up to 150g of
  - R290
- Use conditions:
  - Only new equipment (no retrofits)
  - Pipes, hoses and service connections marked with red paint
  - Appropriate DANGER and CAUTION markings on the system
  - Service connections must be different that of non-flammables

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2010-05-10/pdf/2010-10959.pdf>



# Outlook

- US economy is 20-25% of world economy: THIS COULD BE LARGE
- Pressure from end-users:
  - ...McDonald's, Pepsi, Coca-Cola...
- Acceptance of hydrocarbons sparks many R&D projects.
  - Mainly R290 is seen by Danfoss
- Also a few R&D projects with larger charges.
  - ...if small systems are ok, why not large systems with safety measures?  
<http://www.hydrocarbons21.com/content/articles/115920110707.php>
- Future of HCR-188C and HCR-188C1 is uncertain
  - proprietary blends from a small manufacture.

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## Danfoss Policy Statement

Danfoss encourages the further development and use of low-GWP refrigerants to help slow – and ultimately reverse – the process of global warming while helping to ensure continued global wellbeing and economic development along with the future viability of our industry:

- We will enable our customers to achieve these refrigerant goals while **continuing to enhance the energy-efficiency** of refrigeration and air conditioning equipment.
- Danfoss will **proactively develop products for low-GWP refrigerants, both natural and synthetic**, to fulfil customers' needs for practical and safe solutions without compromising energy-efficiency
- Danfoss will lead and be recognised in the development of **natural refrigerant solutions**.
- Danfoss supports the establishment of a global regimen (such as the Montreal Protocol) to **phase down** emissions of high-GWP refrigerants ... to provide for long-term production of very small quantities of HFCs for critical needs.

