



## BRITISH REFRIGERATION ASSOCIATION - a FETA association

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## **With less than 15 months to go to the ban on virgin R22, the latest BRA survey shows reclaim R22 levels still very low**

The latest market survey by the British Refrigeration Association has, for the first time, collected information on the levels of R22 being recovered and then either sent for destruction or reclaimed back to a specification suitable for reuse.

The survey, which was compiled from data submitted by all of the major refrigerant distributors, shows the following results:

- 1) The quantity of virgin R22 sold in 2007 was close to 30% less than that sold in 2004 - this reflects those in the industry that have chosen to move away from HCFCs in good time.
- 2) The amount of virgin R22 sold in 2007 was still over 1900 tonnes, all of it used to service existing R22 systems. The BRA and its members encourage the responsible use of refrigerants via a number of routes and are urging industry to improve system tightness (as required in the F-Gas regulations) and reduce the levels of leakage to the minimum.
- 3) R22 reclaimed in 2007 was just over 200 tonnes or approximately 12% of the current demand.

The amount of R22 returned for reclaim must increase dramatically if industry is to meet the likely demand post the ban from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

The BRA has published a Fact Finder that gives the various options available to reduce the dependence of industry on R22 and other HCFCs. (Fact Finder Number 14).

*The BRA Market Survey 2007 contains data on sales volume and value of equipment and components sold into the Refrigeration industry. The survey is available to members of the BRA, and to contributing non-members, on payment of a survey fee. Please contact the BRA for more information on the survey and other benefits of membership.*

Notes to editor:

- 1 the British Refrigeration Association is part of the Federation of Environmental Trade Associations
- 2 more information on the BRA can be found at [www.feta.co.uk](http://www.feta.co.uk)
- 3 BRA Fact Finder No 14 is available from the above website.