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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its Opinion concerning the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on fluorinated greenhouse gases {COM(2012) 643 final}.

The Commission welcomes that the Opinion supports the aims of this proposal as well as the proposed reduction of the use of fluorinated gases in the European Union.

Limiting any additional administrative burden to a minimum was an important objective for the Commission in drafting the proposal and it is not the intention to extend certification requirements to persons only handling fluorinated greenhouse gases in closed containers.

With regard to the establishment of electronic databases of refrigeration equipment, it is important to note that the proposal would not require such databases, but suggests them as one option to improve the collection of emission data. Member States may also fulfil this requirement by carrying out targeted surveys. Not to offer this option would disadvantage those Member States which already established databases on their own initiative.

The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the concerns raised by the Senát and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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