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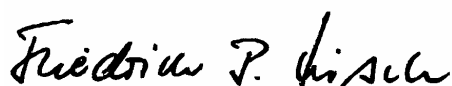
Dear Members,

As you are well aware, the situation in Germany on the future of HFCs is one that keeps us awake at night – and it should. With Denmark, Austria and now Switzerland adopting national legislation to ban/phase out HFCs in Europe, the snow ball has trebled in size and gathering momentum: one which EPEE must put a stop to.



We have formally lodged a complaint with the European Commission on the Danish legislation and are about to do the same on the Austrian legislation. We are hoping that the European Commission will take our case forward and bring them to the attention of the Danish and Austrian authorities in early Autumn. I have also written to Catherine Day, the Director General of DG Environment – with whom we met in September of last year – to impress on her that the long-awaited F-Gases Regulation can no longer be delayed.

I wanted to inform you through this EPEE Flash Newsletter (there will be more of them coming through between the regular 6-8 weeks newsletter) of our position paper with regard to Germany. The paper sets out clearly our argumentation and I would impress on all of you to use this as your hymn sheet whenever addressing the German issue. I take this opportunity to thank Tim Vink and Hans-Jurgen Korte, in particular, for their time in drafting the paper.



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