

SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 26^{th} session held on 15^{th} June 2022

to Ozone and F-Gases Package

on Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on fluorinated greenhouse gases, amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 517/2014 /Senate Print no. N 172/13, COM(2022) 150/

on Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on substances that deplete the ozone layer and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1005/2009 /Senate Print no. N 173/13, COM(2022) 151/

The Senate

I.

1. Generally supports

the submitted Proposals for a Regulation and the European Commission's effort to tighten control of substances that deplete the ozone layer (so called controlled substances) and fluorinated greenhouse gases (F-gases) and to further reduce the amount of emissions that these substances release into the atmosphere;

2. Agrees

with the Government's framework positions on both documents, in particular with regard to:

- support of measures aimed at tackling illegal trade of these substances and interconnection of the relevant systems with the EU Customs Single Window Exchange System;
- concerns about the availability of alternative technologies (e.g. for electrical switchgear) and the impacts on introduction of heat pumps (inter alia in connection with the requirement to rapidly replace F-gases which are used as refrigerants in this case);

- emphasis on the time and practical feasibility of the proposed measures to ensure sufficient time for those concerned to implement required changes and on the cost-effectiveness of these measures;
- reservations about the proposed scope of the Commission's empowerment to adopt delegated acts in selected areas (e.g. amendments and modifications to the lists of substances and exemptions for critical uses of halons or extension of the obligation to recover substances from all products and equipment where technically and economically feasible);

II.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate no later than on 31st October 2022 about the way this Resolution was taken into account;

2. Authorises

the President of the Senate to forward this Resolution to the European Commission.

Miloš Vystrčil sign manual President of the Senate

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