

- On June 30, 2007, SEPA-FECO, together with China Chemical Construction Corporation, the domestic implementing agency, signed CFCs production phaseout contracts for 2007 with 6 CFCs production enterprises, of which 5 plants will be closed and 1 plant will reduce production under the quota licensing system. From July 22 to 28, FECO paid site visits to these plants for supervision on their production line dismantling and the storage of CFCs. The plants successfully dismantled the main equipments in the CFCs production lines.
- From October 11 to 23, 2007, the World Bank mission inspected the production, sales, import, export of CFCs and the production line dismantling in 6 CFCs plants in China. The result showed that all these plants were producing CFCs below the quotas allocated by SEPA and followed the contracts signed. 5 of these plants have dismantled their production facilities and the laid-off workers have been properly arranged.
- On November 1, 2007, the National Office for Management of ODS Import and Export and the Anti-smuggling Bureau of GAC jointly organized a meeting in Shaoxing, Zhejiang Province, for conclusion of the Special Action of "Sky Hole Patching Initiative". At the meeting, the achievements of the Action were reviewed and summarized. Discussions were made on the details of the law enforcement, with suggestions proposed for further enhancing the law enforcement. During implementation of the Action, the anti-smuggling departments of GAC investigated and dealt with 6 illegal export cases and seized about 50 tons of ODS.
- From September 10 to 18, 2007, the Solvent Sector Working Group of SEPA-FECO went to Tianjin, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Changshu, visiting the 13 major TCA dealers for checking their procurement and sales data for the first half of 2007.
- On September 27, 2007, the last CFC-11 tobacco expansion equipment was dismantled in Kunming Cigarette Co. Ltd. in Inner Mongolia. Since 2001, a total of 73 CFC-based tobacco expansion units in 58 cigarette factories have been dismantled.
- On September 20, 2007, a ceremony was convened in Beijing for signing of contracts with 16 tobacco companies for construction of seedling greenhouses for phaseout of Methyl Bromide in the tobacco sector. Mr. Wen Wurui, Deputy Director General of SEPA-FECO, attended the ceremony.
- On December 20, 2007, the National Office for Management of ODS Import and Export organized a training workshop for the importers and exporters. At the workshop, introductions were made on the Montreal Protocol, the management framework of ODS import and export in China, and the principles and approval procedures under the quota licensing system. The officials from Ministry of Commerce and General Administration of Customs explained on the key points of the management on ODS import and export. The Office also organized discussions and communications with the participants on the issues concerned by the enterprises.
- On December 20-21, 2007, SEPA-FECO organized a training workshop in Beijing on management of MBr production, import and export. Representatives from the 3 MBr production factories and over 30 importers and exporters attended the training. At the workshop, the knowledge of ozone layer protection, the policies of MBr industry in China, the progress of MBr phaseout, the quota licensing system for MBr production, import and export, the supervision and management approach, and the substitutes and conversion technologies were introduced.
- On the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the Montreal Protocol, the Ozone Secretariat of UNEP organized an appraisal and selection of exemplary projects. The China Halon Sectoral Plan, the compressor project in Jiaxipera Factory, the compressor project in Huarui Factory, the ozone policy on-line training system, and the bilateral dialogue mechanism between China and Mongolia on illegal ODS trade were awarded.



The last CFCs production lines are being dismantled.



Experts from World Bank visit CFCs plants in China.



Meeting convened for concluding Action of "Sky Hole Patching Initiative".



The CFC-11 tobacco expansion unit in Kunming Cigarette Co. Ltd in Inner Mongolia is being dismantled.



Contract signing ceremony for construction of seedling greenhouses for MBr phaseout in the tobacco sector.

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Focus >>

SEPA and GAC Receive Awards for Montreal Protocol Implementation

The 19th Meeting of Parties and the 20th Anniversary of the Montreal Protocol was convened in Montreal, Canada, on September 16, 2007. The China delegation, led by Mr. Zhang Lijun, Vice Minister of State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA), and composed of members from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, China Academy of Inspection and Quarantine, China Academy of Agricultural Sciences and Beijing University, attended the commemorative meetings and activities. Representatives from relevant Chinese industrial associations, research institutions and enterprises participated in the events.

At the high-level meeting on September 17, SEPA and General Administration of Customs (GAC) of China received Montreal Protocol Implementation Awards, for their achievements and outstanding contributions to the Montreal Protocol implementation. The Organizing Committee of Beijing Olympic Games received Public Awareness Award from UNEP for awareness campaigns on ozone layer protection during its preparation for the 29th Olympic Games.

After receiving the award, Mr. Zhang Lijun stated that the achievements of China relied on great supports from the ExCom, the implementing agencies and the bilateral countries, as well as high attention of the Chinese government and wide participation and close cooperation of relevant ministries, industrial associations, research institutions, enterprises and the public. The award indicated not only an acknowledgement on China's achievements, but also an encouragement for China to further continue its ozone layer protection. Although still facing many difficulties and challenges for completely realizing the phase-out targets set by the Protocol, China would like to take, as always, its responsibilities and commitments to work together with all parties, to seriously implement the international environmental conventions and to further play its important role in the global environmental protection.



Mr. Zhang Lijun, Vice Minister of SEPA, receives, on behalf of SEPA, the Montreal Protocol Implementation Award from UNEP.

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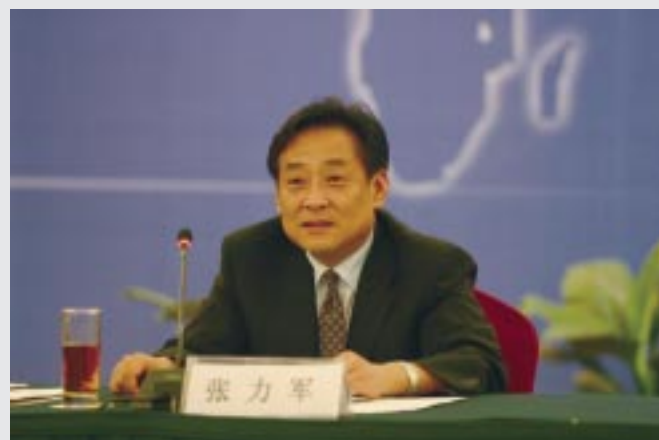
Meeting Held for Conclusion of Tobacco Sectoral Plan

On December 18, 2007, SEPA, together with State Tobacco Monopoly Administration (STMA) and UNIDO, convened a meeting in Beijing for concluding the sectoral plan for phaseout of CFC-11 in the tobacco sector. Mr. Zhang Lijun, Vice Minister of SEPA, and Mr. Zhang Baozhen, Vice Administrator of STMA, attended the meeting and delivered remarks. Over 100 representatives from Ministry of Science and Technology, State Development and Reform Commission, the MLF Secretariat, UNDP, World Bank, and local tobacco companies, participated in the meeting. At the meeting, the overall progress of CFC-11 phaseout in the tobacco sector was summarized, the achievements were publicized, and the enterprises and institutions making outstanding contributions were awarded.

At the meeting, Mr. Zhang Lijun introduced the general progress of ozone layer protection in China, and congratulated and highly praised on the final completion of CFC-11 phaseout in the tobacco sector. Mr. Zhang pointed out that the phaseout of CFC-11 in the tobacco sector was an important part of the Country Program approved by the

State Council, and also an important task of the Montreal Protocol. Since the start of the sectoral plan in 2000 and with the great support of UNIDO, a total 73 production lines in 58 enterprises had been retrofitted or closed down by 2006, realizing a complete stop of CFC-11 consumption in the sector, which contributed greatly to the accelerated phaseout of CFCs by July 1, 2007. The achievements were made owing to the strong supervision of the competent authorities, the active participation of the enterprises and the great support from the international society. He hoped that, with its unique advantages, the tobacco sector could make further research on conversion technologies and, in the mean time, strengthen its supervision and establish a long-term mechanism to sustain the achievements and to deepen the implementation of the convention.

During the meeting, SEPA, STMA and UNIDO jointly presented the Contribution Awards to the project-taking enterprises for their contribution to CFC-11 phaseout in the tobacco sector in China.



Mr. Zhang Lijun, Vice Minister of SEPA, delivers remarks at the meeting.



Mr. Jin Zhongli, Director-general of Science and Technology Department of STMA, delivers remarks at the meeting.



Awarding Ceremony for contributions to CFC-11 phaseout in tobacco sector.



Dr. Antonio Sabater from UNIDO delivers remarks at the meeting.

Hearing on Ordinance for ODS Management

On November 12, 2007, SEPA convened a hearing in Beijing for collecting comments on the Ordinance for ODS Management to be submitted for review. Over 70 representatives from the governmental departments including State Development Commission, Ministry of Commerce, State Quality and Inspection Administration, 8 industrial associations including China Petro-chemical Industrial Association and China Fluoro-silicon Industrial Association, more than 20 enterprises including Haier, Gree, Juhua, Dongyue and 3F, and experts from China University of Political Sciences and Laws and Beijing University, attended the hearing.

The participants welcomed the hearing and agreed in general that the ordinance was necessary for successful implementation of the Protocol and for facilitating healthy development of various sectors. Some questions and suggestions were proposed for further enhancing government support on substitute production and conversion technology development. The participants hoped that the government could further simplify relevant approval procedures to give convenience to the enterprises for their business activities.

The hearing is one of the necessary steps in the legislation and was

convened under the suggestion raised by the Legislation Office of the State Council. SEPA committed to submit the comments collected at the hearing to the Legislation Office and would seriously study on the comments and suggestions for further improving the draft ordinance.



Hearing convened in Beijing on Ordinance for ODS Management.

News in brief >>

- The Foam Working Group completed its 5th project evaluation early July, 2007. A total of 23 foam enterprises were visited and evaluated on their eligibility for grant receiving and their base-line consumptions. The result showed that 22 of them are eligible for funding with total base-line consumption of 677.187 tons. The phaseout contracts were signed with FECO in August already. With these contracts signed, the overall phaseout target in the foam sector will be realized. For next steps, the focus will be on project implementation with enhanced supervision and enforcement.
- On August 25, 2007, SEPA-FECO organized a workshop in Shandong, for review and prospect on ODS phaseout in the PU foam sector in China. At the workshop, the progress and the achievements were reviewed, the international trend for HCFCs' accelerated phaseout and the background of HCFC consumption in the foam sector in China were analyzed, the technologies for HCFC substitution were discussed, the challenges in China were identified, and the next-step works were proposed.



Experts visit foam enterprises.



Workshop for review and prospect of ODS phaseout in PU foam sector in China.