

# Heatcraft Refrigeration Products



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**TO: Heatcraft Refrigeration Customers**

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**SUBJECT: U.S. Court of Appeals Decision on EPA SNAP Program – Appeal Denied**

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As a follow-up to previous updates regarding the status of EPA SNAP Rules 20 & 21, the Court has denied the request for appeal and issued a mandate upholding their original decision to vacate both rules. As a result, previously banned HFC refrigerants (e.g. R-404A, R-507) are considered acceptable for use in supermarket systems, remote condensing units, stand-alone units, positive displacement chillers and cold storage warehouses.

The Court's decision does not change the "acceptable" listing status of previously approved low-GWP refrigerants. EPA approved Low-GWP refrigerants may continue to be used in the above listed applications. Refer to the EPA SNAP Program website for the listing of approved refrigerants: <https://www.epa.gov/snap/snap-regulations>.

The timing of future regulation of HFC refrigerants in the United States is uncertain. Heatcraft will continue to monitor the domestic HFC regulatory landscape and provide periodic updates to guide equipment and refrigerant purchase decisions. While the EPA SNAP 20 & 21 rules are vacated, many states, such as California's regulatory body known as CARB, are considering HFC regulations. In addition, Canadian regulations banning the use of certain HFC refrigerants remain effective January 1, 2020.

Equipment owners should evaluate and balance the first cost, the environmental benefits and the potential costs related to future refrigerant transitions, including those that will occur due to the upcoming changes required by the DOE, before making a decision on both equipment and refrigerant. In the interim, if you have any questions regarding the US Court of Appeals decision and/or the potential impact to your business, please contact your Heatcraft representative.

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