

Annex XIII

DRAFT TEMPLATE OF THE COST GUIDELINES FOR THE PHASE-DOWN OF HFCs (As of the 83rd meeting)

Background

1. The present Annex contains the draft cost guidelines for the phase-down of HFCs based on the relevant elements of decision XXVIII/2 agreed by the Parties at their Twenty-Eighth Meeting. These draft cost guidelines contain elements agreed at the 78th and 80th meetings of the Executive Committee, and will be updated pursuant to further discussions at future meetings of the Executive Committee.

Draft cost guidelines for the phase-down of HFCs

Flexibility in implementation that enables Parties to select their own strategies and priorities in sectors and technologies

2. Article 5 countries will have flexibility to prioritize HFCs, define sectors, select technologies and alternatives and elaborate and implement their strategies to meet agreed HFC obligations, based on their specific needs and national circumstances, following a country-driven approach.

Cut-off date for eligible capacity

3. The cut-off date for eligible capacity is 1 January 2020 for those Parties with baseline years from 2020 to 2022, and 1 January 2024 for those Parties with baseline years from 2024 to 2026.

Second and third conversions

4. To apply the following principles for second and third conversion projects:

- (a) First conversions, in the context of a phase-down of HFCs, are defined as conversions to low-global-warming potential (GWP) or zero-GWP alternatives of enterprises that have never received any direct or indirect support, in part or in full, from the Multilateral Fund, including enterprises that converted to HFCs with their own resources;
- (b) Enterprises that have already converted to HFCs in phasing out CFCs and/or HCFCs will be eligible to receive funding from the Multilateral Fund to meet agreed incremental costs in the same manner as enterprises eligible for first conversions;
- (c) Enterprises that convert from HCFCs to high-GWP HFCs, after the date of adoption of the Amendment, under HCFC phase-out management plans already approved by the Executive Committee will be eligible to receive funding from the Multilateral Fund for a subsequent conversion to low-GWP or zero-GWP alternatives to meet agreed incremental costs in the same manner as enterprises eligible for first conversions;
- (d) Enterprises that convert from HCFCs to high-GWP HFCs with their own resources before 2025 under the Amendment will be eligible to receive funding from the Multilateral Fund to meet agreed incremental costs in the same manner as enterprises eligible for first conversions; and

- (e) Enterprises that convert from HFCs to lower-GWP HFCs with Multilateral Fund support when no other alternatives are available will be eligible to receive funding from the Multilateral Fund for a subsequent conversion to low-GWP or zero-GWP alternatives if necessary to meet the final HFC phase-down step.

Sustained aggregate reductions

5. The remaining eligible consumption for funding in tonnage will be determined on the basis of the starting point of national aggregate consumption less the amount funded by previously approved projects in future multi-year agreement templates for HFC phase-down plans.

Eligible incremental costs

Consumption manufacturing sector

6. To make the following categories of costs eligible and to include them in the cost calculation associated with the phase-down of HFCs in the consumption manufacturing sector:

- (a) Incremental capital costs;
- (b) Incremental operating costs for a duration to be determined by the Executive Committee;
- (c) Technical assistance activities;
- (d) Research and development, when required to adapt and optimize alternatives to HFCs with low or zero GWP;
- (e) Costs of patents and designs, and incremental costs of royalties, when necessary and cost-effective; and
- (f) Costs of the safe introduction of flammable and toxic alternatives.

Production sector

7. To make the following categories of costs eligible and to include them in the cost calculation associated with the phase-down of HFCs in the production sector:

- (a) Lost profit due to the shutdown/closure of production facilities, as well as production reduction;
- (b) Compensation for displaced workers;
- (c) Dismantling of production facilities;
- (d) Technical assistance activities;
- (e) Research and development related to the production of low-GWP or zero-GWP alternatives to HFCs with a view to lowering the costs of alternatives;
- (f) Costs of patents and designs or incremental costs of royalties;

- (g) Costs of converting facilities to produce low-GWP or zero-GWP alternatives to HFCs when technically feasible and cost-effective; and
- (h) Costs of reducing emissions of HFC-23, a by-product from the production process of HCFC-22, by reducing its emission rate in the process, destroying it from the off-gas, or by collecting and converting it to other environmentally safe chemicals; such costs should be funded by the Multilateral Fund to meet the obligations of Article 5 Parties specified under the Amendment.

Refrigeration servicing sector

8. To make the following categories of costs eligible and to include them in the cost calculation associated with the phase-down of HFCs in the refrigeration servicing sector:

- (a) Public awareness activities;
- (b) Policy development and implementation;
- (c) Certification programmes and training of technicians on safe handling, good practice and safety in respect of alternatives, including training equipment;
- (d) Training of customs officers;
- (e) Prevention of illegal trade of HFCs;
- (f) Servicing tools;
- (g) Refrigerant testing equipment for the refrigeration and air-conditioning sector; and
- (h) Recycling and recovery of HFCs.

Energy efficiency

Capacity building to address safety

Disposal

Eligibility of Annex F substances subject to high-ambient-temperature exemption

9. That amounts of Annex F substances that are subject to the high-ambient-temperature exemption are not eligible for funding under the Multilateral Fund while they are exempted for that Party.