

**FACT SHEET**  
**Final Rule - Revision of Refrigerant Recovery and  
Recycling Equipment Standards**

**ACTION**

- With this action, EPA updates the currently referenced motor vehicle air conditioning (MVAC) servicing standards for refrigerant handling equipment to match newly revised industry standards.
- This action does not require an immediate replacement of previously certified MVAC refrigerant handling equipment with new equipment.
- All new MVAC refrigerant recovery/recycling and recovery/recycling/recharging equipment manufactured after January 1, 2008 must be certified to the specifications outlined in the regulation.

**BACKGROUND**

- Under the Section 609 of the Clean Air Act, EPA establishes standards specifically for the service of MVAC systems.
- EPA refers to the SAE International industry standards for technical specifications related to MVAC servicing issues.
- Existing regulations covering specifications for MVAC refrigerant handling equipment reference outdated SAE International standards. This action updates existing regulations to reference newly updated SAE International standards.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

- Additional information on MVAC servicing can be found at the following address: <http://epa.gov/ozone/title6/609/technicians/index.html>
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