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The Environment Agency in exercise of its powers under section 41 of the Environment Act 1995, and with the approval of the Secretary of State and the consent of the Treasury, makes the following Charging Scheme.

### **PART 1**

#### **GENERAL**

##### **Commencement, extent and citation**

1. This charging scheme shall -
  - (a) be referred to as the Environment Agency (Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases and Ozone-Depleting Substances) Charging Scheme 2025 ("this Scheme"),
  - (b) apply in relation to England, Wales and Scotland,
  - (c) come into force on 1st April 2025, and
  - (d) remain in force until revoked.

##### **Interpretation: general**

2. In this Scheme -  
"Agency" means Environment Agency.

##### **Liability to pay charges**

3. The persons set out below shall be liable to pay the charges under this Scheme –
  - (a) in respect of an application charge, the person making the application;
  - (b) in respect of a declaration charge, the person making the declaration;
  - (c) in respect of a subsistence charge, the person who is registered.

##### **Time of payment**

4. Charges payable under this Scheme shall be due and payable in full at the following times on or after the 1st April 2025 -
  - (a) in the case of an application charge, on the making of that application to the Agency;

- (b) in the case of a declaration charge, on the making of that declaration to the Agency;
- (c) in any other case, on demand.

### **Abatement of charges**

- 5. The Agency may, by notice, waive or reduce any charge specified in this Scheme if it considers it to be significantly disproportionate in a particular case, having regard to the actual costs and expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Agency in relation to a particular application, declaration or subsistence period.

### **Inflation**

- 6. Charges made under the Environment Agency (Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases and Ozone - Depleting Substances) Charging Scheme 2025 shall increase on 1 April 2026 and annually thereafter on 1 April in each subsequent year, by a sum not exceeding any increase in the Consumer Prices Index published by the Office for National Statistics on 30 September in the immediately preceding year.

## **PART 2**

### **FLUORINATED GREENHOUSE GASES**

#### **Interpretation**

- 7. In this Part –

“the Regulation” means Regulation (EU) no 517/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on fluorinated greenhouse gases and expressions used in this Part have the same meaning as in the Regulation;

“the GB FGas Service” means the register established for Great Britain under article 17 and references in article 17 to “the Registry” shall be read as meaning the GB FGas Service.

#### **Application charges**

- 8. (1) An application charge is payable by those who register to use the GB FGas Service for any full or part financial year under article 14, for the purposes listed in points (a) to (f) of the second sub paragraph of article 15(2), article 16(2), article 16(5) or article 18 of the Regulation.

(2) The application charge is £364.

## Subsistence Charges

9. (1) An annual subsistence charge is payable by those who are registered to use the GB FGas Service for any full or part financial year.

(2) The annual subsistence charge is £1228.

## PART 3

### OZONE-DEPLETING SUBSTANCES

#### Interpretation

10. “the Regulation” means Regulation (EC) No 1005/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on substances that deplete the ozone layer and expressions used in this Part have the same meaning as in the Regulation.

11. “the GB Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) Service” means the register established for Great Britain under article 18 and references in article 18 to “the electronic licencing system” shall be read as meaning the GB Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) Service.

#### Application charges

12. (1) An application charge is payable by those who register to use the ODS Service for any full or part financial year or who apply for a licence to import or export controlled substances.

(2) The application charge is payable for each activity in the table below -

Application	Charge
Application for registration by an undertaking for use of controlled substances for essential laboratory and other analytical work in accordance with article 10(4) and article 11(2)	£476
Application for registration by an undertaking for either production, placing on the market, or use of controlled substances for essential laboratory and other analytical work in accordance with article 10(4), article 11(2), for use as feedstock in accordance with Article 7 and for use as critical uses in accordance with Article 13.	£258
Application for registration by an undertaking intending to apply for an import or export licence under article 18(2)	
Application for a licence to import or export controlled substances or products or equipment containing or relying on controlled substances (other than halons contained in products and equipment for critical uses on aircraft) under article 18(2)	£72

Application for a licence to import or export halons or products or equipment containing or relying on halons for critical uses on aircraft under article 18(2)	£124
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### **Declaration Charges**

13. A charge of £269 must accompany a declaration of anticipated demand made to the GB ODS Service by an importer under article 16(2) of the Regulation.

### **Subsistence Charges**

14. (1) An annual subsistence charge is payable by those who are registered for any full or part financial year.

(2) The annual subsistence charge is £1072.

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