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The Council adopts rules on fluorinated greenhouse gases and on air conditioning in motor vehicles *

The Council adopted a regulation on fluorinated greenhouse gases and a directive on emissions from air conditioning systems in motor vehicles, amending directive 70/156/EEC, following an agreement reached with the European Parliament in the conciliation committee (*PE-CONS 3604/06 + 7786/06 ADD1 and PE-CONS 3605/06*).

The legal acts are part of the European Climate Change Programme, established in June 2000, introducing cost-effective measures aimed at reducing emissions of fluorinated greenhouse gases (FGG) so as to contribute to the achievement of the European Community and member states commitments under the Kyoto Protocol, while preventing distortion of the EU's internal market.

The regulation, as redrafted in conciliation, addresses the containment, use, recovery and destruction of the FGG listed in Annex A to the Kyoto Protocol. It further regulates:

- the labelling and disposal of products and equipment containing these gases;
- the reporting of information on these gases;

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- the control of uses of sulphur hexafluoride;
- the placing on the market prohibitions of products and equipment containing, or whose functioning relies upon, FGG; and
- the training and certification of personnel and companies involved in activities provided for by the draft regulation.

The directive applies specifically to FGG emissions from air conditioning systems fitted to vehicles. It establishes a gradual system of elimination of air conditioning equipment with a global warming potential higher than 150.
