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Fluorinated greenhouse gases

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Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment by Parliament

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Article 3, paragraph 4

4. Owners of stationary refrigeration, air-conditioning and heat-pump equipment and fire protection systems containing 300kg or more of fluorinated gases shall install leakage detection systems.

4. Owners **and operators** of stationary refrigeration, air-conditioning and heat-pump equipment and fire protection systems containing 300kg or more of fluorinated gases shall install leakage detection systems **in the machine room**.

Or. de

Justification

The essential technical components for operating refrigeration or cold storage equipment, such as compressors or pumps, are located in the machine room of the installation. The probability of a leak is therefore highest here and justifies the mandatory installation of a leakage detection system if not already installed. This applies regardless of whether owners and operators are identical or the refrigeration equipment has been provided for the use of the operator.

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3. Where a leakage detection system is in place, ***the competent authority may adjust the frequency of inspections under paragraph 2(b) and (c) as appropriate.***

3. Where ***an integral or mobile*** leakage detection system is in place, ***the inspections referred to in paragraph 2(b) shall be carried out twice a year and those referred to in paragraph 2(c) four times a year. The frequency of inspections shall be reduced to once a year in the case of paragraph 2(b) and twice a year in the case of paragraph 2(c) if no leakage is detected during inspections in three consecutive years.***

Or. de

Justification

Leakage detection systems continuously monitor the equipment and sound the alarm as soon as a leakage is detected. This justifies reducing the frequency of inspections after a certain period if the regular checks on the equipment have not uncovered any leakage.