

**Question for written answer E-003672/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Refrigerant fluids from the air-conditioning systems of end-of-life vehicles: classification and reuse

Looking at Directive 2000/53/EC (transposed by the Italian Government with Legislative Decree No 209 of 24 June 2003), which governs the handling of refrigerant fluids from the air-conditioning systems of end-of-life vehicles, it is not very clear whether the removal of components to be marketed as spare or replacement parts applies only to the dismantling phase or also to the 'securing the vehicle' phase. If the second option is permitted, the sale of refrigerant gases for reuse could count as marketing spare or replacement parts rather than an act of waste recovery, the latter requiring approval of the waste cycle and of the characteristics of the secondary raw materials.

In view of the above, can the Commission say whether the refrigerant fluids from the air-conditioning systems of vehicles can be reused in the same way as components and therefore marketed as 'spare or replacement parts', or whether their use is subject to the issue of a specific decree from the Ministry of the Environment, which sets the 'end-of-waste' criteria?

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