

**Question for written answer E-003649/2023  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Article 18(2) of the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on fluorinated greenhouse gases

In order to carry F-gas related maintenance in Austria, you must have a valid trade certification for the regulated refrigeration and air conditioning trade. Under Article 18(2) (on the conditions for registration and receiving of quota allocations) of the new aforementioned regulation, only importers and producers that have three years of experience in trading activities shall be allowed to submit the declaration for receiving quotas referred to in Article 17(3) which is required to receive a quota allocation.

As the term 'experience in trading activities' has not been further defined, the following questions arise:

1. How can it be ensured that the market will remain accessible to new market entrants?
2. Is it sufficient for a company to present the CV of an employee with three years' experience in trading activities of chemicals as evidence, or does the company itself have to conducted trade in chemicals?
3. How can a newly created company gain this experience, for example by working with companies that are able to demonstrate that they already have three years' experience in the chemicals trade?

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