

**Priority question for written answer P-002936/2023  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** The negotiations on fluorinated greenhouse gases could lead to a lack of refrigerants and heat pumps on the market

The EU is encouraging citizens and entrepreneurs to install modern heat pumps as part of the sustainable solutions for households and warehouses. Most of these heat pumps use fluorinated gases because alternative solutions such as propane are much more expensive and technicians are not readily available to install them. I am extremely concerned about the developments in the ongoing trilogue on the proposal for a regulation on fluorinated greenhouse gases (F-gases), as a progressive ban will lead to dramatic rises in costs for consumers. The ban on the new generation of F-gases and hydrofluoroolefins (HFOs) goes beyond what is really needed, as they have a very low global warming potential. As a result of this potential decision, EU citizens will be not able to afford new heat pumps over the next few years.

1. Is the Commission aware of the possible negative impact on the single market of the current developments in these trilogue negotiations?
2. What is the Commission's strategy to ensure the availability of refrigerants (especially for heat pumps) at affordable prices on the single market in upcoming years?

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