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Refrigerant Handling Licence

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From 1 July 2005 all persons that handle refrigerant gases will be required to hold a Refrigerant Handling Licence under Commonwealth Law. Similarly all businesses that buy, sell or store refrigerant gases will be required to hold a Refrigerant Trading Authorisation.

The permits have been introduced under the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Act 1989. The Act aims to minimise emissions of ozone depleting and synthetic greenhouse gas refrigerants. The permits provide for consistent minimum national environmental standards for the refrigeration and air conditioning industry, including the automotive industry.

The Queensland Building Services Authority (BSA) advises the introduction of these new Commonwealth permits does not replace the business licensing requirements of the Queensland Building Services Authority Act 1991, and is an additional requirement should your business undertake such work.

Administration of the Commonwealth requirements rests with the Australian Refrigeration Council and for further information regarding the environmental licence you should contact ARC on 1300 884 483 or visit www.arctick.org.

The most important thing to remember is that the introduction of the environmental permits does not replace or remove the requirement to hold a current BSA business licence under the Queensland Building Services Authority Act 1991.

Should you have concerns or wish to discuss your obligations for licensing from 1 July 2005 please do not hesitate to contact or visit your local BSA Office for further information.