

## **Report on Research, Development, Public Awareness and Exchange of Information, as per Paragraph 3 Article 9 of the Montreal Protocol.**

### **Introduction:**

The Sultanate adopted the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, Royal Decree No. 73 / 98, endorses the accession of the Sultanate of Oman to the convention and protocol and its amendments.

To control and management of Ozone Depleting Substances, Ministerial Decision No. 37 / 2001 was issued on 24 / 02 / 2001 and since has been superseded by Ministerial Decision No. 243 / 2005, to ensure the requirements of the Montreal protocol were adopted and enforced accordingly. Licensing system for regulating imports and exports of ODS was introduced. Since then the quotas have been regulated and reduced to the appropriate quantities.

### **Activities:**

#### **Public Awareness;**

Oman has been actively promoting awareness on control of ODS and encouraging the use of new technologies and alternatives. The activities carried out were;

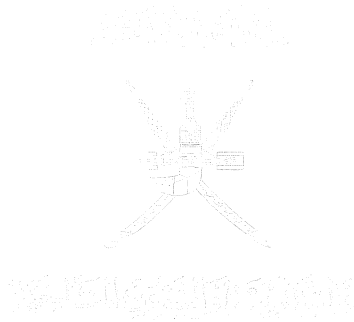
- Launched awareness through media; TV, SMS, Radio, Public lectures, local press publications and posters.
- Conducted workshops on use of alternative refrigerants, methyl bromide alternatives, CTC & TCA, and halons.

#### **Improving ODS emissions reduction:**

- Conducted workshops on good practice of refrigerant management use.
- Conducted workshops on use of R & R equipment and distribution of the equipment to nominated servicing workshops.

#### **Costs and benefits strategies for control of ODS:**

- Training of custom officials and distribution of gas identifiers to all ports of entries for maximum control on imports and exports of ODS.
- Introduction of fees for import of controlled substances in order to encourage the use of alternatives.
- Establishment of ODS data base which allows the NOU to register users of ODS, quotas allocation, permits details. This enables the NOU to easily generate data reports in accordance with the data reporting requirements as per the protocol.



### **Exchange of Information:**

The NOU officials continuously exchange information with other parties, NOUs, and ozone experts, through the following:

- Participation in regional network meetings.
- Participation in regional and international workshops.
- Consultation with other NOUs and experts of implementing agencies