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Twenty-Ninth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

Montreal, Canada, 20–24 November 2017

Agenda item 4 (h)

**Montreal Protocol issues: safety standards relevant to low-global-warming-potential alternatives**

**Safety standards**

Submission by China and the European Union

*The Twenty-Ninth Meeting of the Parties decides:*

*Recalling* decision XXVIII/4 on the establishment of regular consultations on safety standards;

*Recognisant* of the importance of ensuring safe market introduction, manufacturing, operation, maintenance and handling of zero-GWP and low-GWP refrigerants that are alternatives to hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) and hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs);

*[Recognising* maintaining or enhancing the level of protection of workers, users and property provided by in the current applicable safety standards;]

or:

*[Recognising* that the level of protection of workers, users and property provided by the current applicable safety standards must be maintained or enhanced;]

or:

*Recognising* the need to maintain or enhance the level of protection of workers, users and property as [described by][set out in] the current applicable safety standards;

or:

*Recognising* maintaining or enhancing current safety standards is required to safeguard workers, users and properties;]

*Taking note with appreciation* of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel's Decision XXVIII/4 Task Force report on safety standards for flammable low global-warming-potential (GWP) refrigerants and the outcomes of the workshop on safety standards relevant to the safe use of low-global-warming-potential alternatives held in Bangkok on 10 July 2017,

To request the Secretariat to hold regular consultations with relevant standardisation organizations pursuant to paragraph 7 of decision XXVIII/4 in view of providing, with regard to standards for flammable low-global-warming-potential (GWP) refrigerants, a tabular overview of relevant safety standards, drawing on the 2017 Task Force report and the outcome of the consultations. The tabular overview should also include any relevant information submitted on a voluntary basis to the secretariat by parties or by national and regional standardisation organizations.

The overview shall provide concise information on the following:

* Scope (i.e. activities, appliances or products covered);
* Content (i.e. safety relevant technical aspects addressed);
* Responsible standardisation organization and its subsidiary body in charge of the standard, including hyperlinks to publically accessible contact details as well as to information on content and review process;
* Status of review (process and content under review).

To invite parties to update information submitted pursuant to decision XXVIII/4 by 1 January 2020;

To request the Ozone Secretariat to make the information referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above accessible on its website and to ensure an update of the overview at least prior to each meeting of the parties, concluding with the 34th meeting of the parties, when parties should consider whether to renew the request to the secretariat.

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