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Parties also acknowledge these linkages with respect to certain sectors, in particular industrial process refrigeration, and the preference to avoid transitions from HCFCs to high-GWP HFCs, and are willing to provide flexibility if no other alternatives are available in cases where: (1) HCFC supply may be unavailable from existing allowable consumption, stocks as well as recovered/recycled material, and (2) if it would allow for a direct transition at a later date from HCFCs to low-GWP or zero GWP alternatives.  
  
Prior to the commencement of any Article 5 HFC freeze or other initial control obligations and in light of the acknowledgment above, flexibility measures will be provided in relation to the HCFC phaseout relevant to certain sectors, in particular the industrial process refrigeration subsector in order to avoid double conversions.