

# Natural refrigerants - latest policy trends

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### PROGRESS TOWARDS GLOBAL HFC PHASE DOWN



## **Progress in Geneva (April 2016)**

- countries started addressing concrete
   challenges
- tentative agreement on 4-year exemption from HFC phase-down in certain types of AC for countries with high ambient temperatures
- TEAP presented a report with 80 alternatives,
   most of which are newly developed
   HFC blends

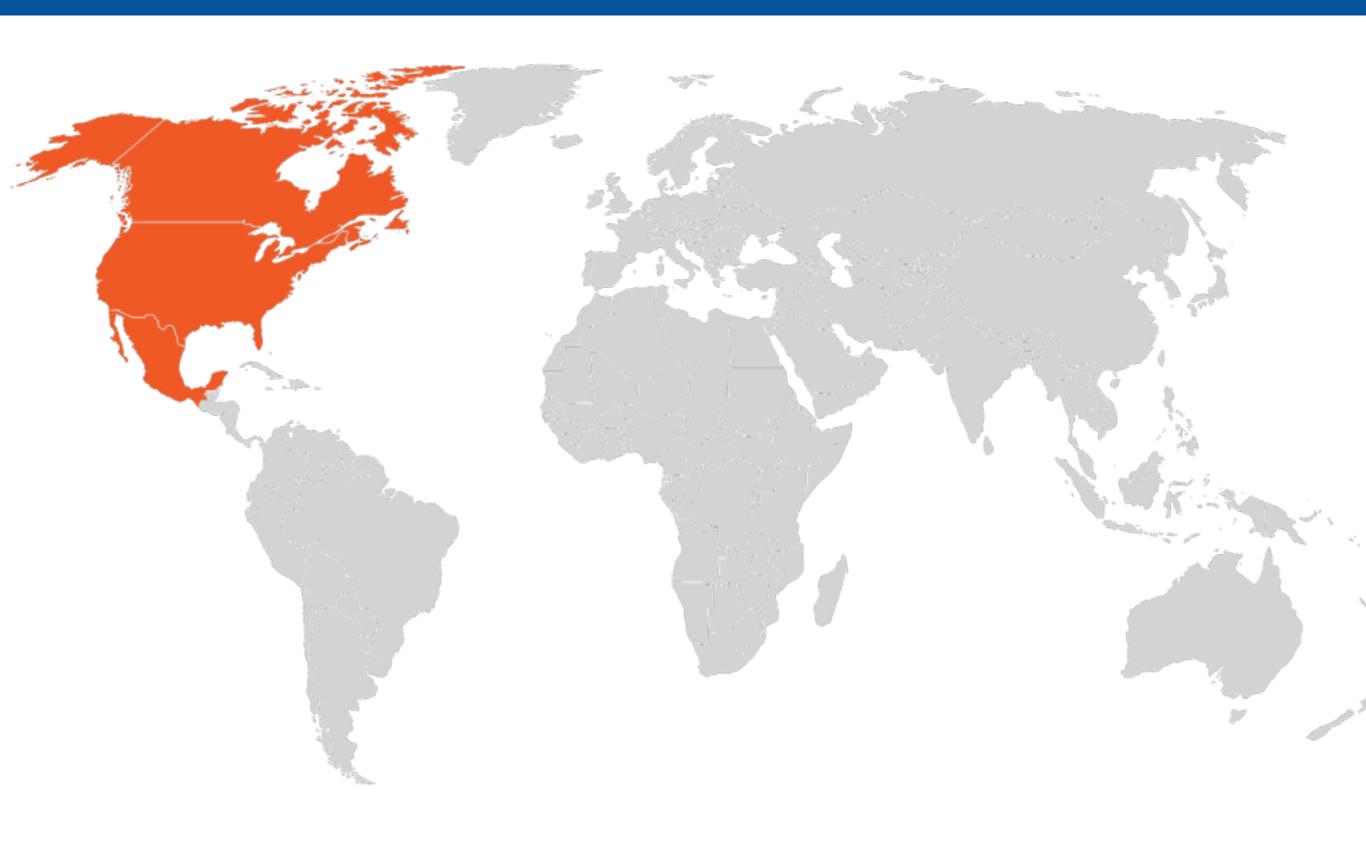


**2016**: 4 meetings, including 2 extraordinary

- April 2016, Geneva,
   Switzerland
- **July 2016**, Vienna, Austria (2 meetings)
- Oct 2016, Kigali, Rwanda

## NORTH AMERICA: GROWING INTEREST IN NATURALS





## **USA: EPA TAKES FURTHER ACTION ON HFCS**



### **New SNAP proposal published in March 2016**

Hydrocarbons acceptable

R290 in new commercial ice machines, water coolers and very low temperature refrigeration equipment

Hydrocarbons unacceptable

A3 refrigerants in retrofit residential and light commercial AC & heat pumps

propylene and R443A in new residential and light commercial AC & heat pumps, cold storage warehouses, centrifugal and positive displacement chillers

 High GWP HFCs (incl. R404A, R410A, R134a...) unacceptable

> new retail food refrigeration (refrigerated food processing & dispensing equipment) + household refrigeration - 2021

new cold storage warehouses - 2023

new centrifugal and positive displacement chillers - 2024

## **USA: EPA TAKES FURTHER ACTION ON HFCS**



#### **Section 608 of Clean Air Act**

regulates obligations for maintenance & leak repairs

currently applies only to HCFCs/CFCs

#### 2015 proposal:

aims to extend the provisions to HFCs

suggests lowering the "trigger" leak rate requiring repairs from 35% to 20%

expected to be finalised in 2016



#### **Recent settlement case:**

Trader Joes failed to comply with Section 608 of Clean Air Act

fine of **\$500,000** 

**\$2 mil** to spend on efforts to reduce leak repairs and GHG emissions across all of their grocery stores

= retailer agreed to use non-ODSrefrigerants in all of its new stores -15 new ones will be low-GWPrefrigerants

## **USA: CALIFORNIA PROPOSES HFC RESTRICTIONS**



# High GWP refrigerant prohibitions in new stationary systems

**GWP** > **150** in non-residential refrigeration - as of **2020** 

**GWP** > **150** in residential refrigeration - as of **2021** 

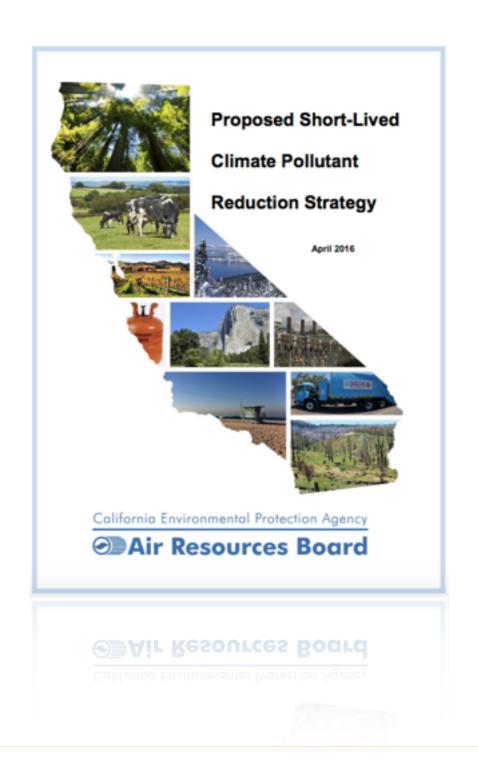
**GWP > 750** in stationary AC - as of **2021** 

**Financial incentives:** to motivate early adopters of low GWP refrigeration in commercial refrigeration

**\$20 million** proposed under Governor's 2016-17 budget to reduce HFCs

Prohibition on sale of new refrigerants with high GWP (>2500) as of 2020: in line with EPA's rule to prohibit refrigerants like R404A under SNAP

**Phase down in supply of HFCs**: potential California-wide HFC phase-down in the absence of an international agreement in 2016



## **AUSTRALIA: HFC PHASE-DOWN**





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- In June 2016, Australia announced phase-down of HFCs by 85% by 2036
- Phase-down will apply as of 2018
- Amendments will enable provisions for future bans on imports of equipment containing high GWP HFCs (especially for domestic and automotive AC)



## **CHINA: CHANGING POLICY LANDSCAPE**

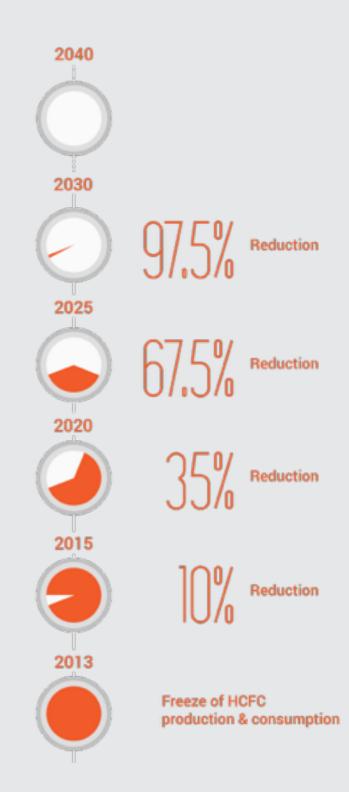




## **CHINA: POLICY TRENDS**



- phase-out of production and consumption
   of HCFCs by 2030 = global impact
- revised Environmental Protection Law in
   2015, after 25 years = increasing accountability of polluters and government for environmental issues
- increasing government support for natural refrigerants in several sectors, especially room AC, heat pumps, commercial & industrial refrigeration



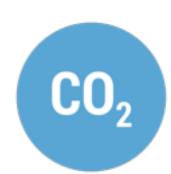
## **CHINA: RECOMMENDED SUBSTITUES TO HCFCS**





residential air conditioning

plug-in commercial refrigeration



residential heat pump water heaters

commercial heat pump water heaters

industrial heat pump water heaters

mobile air conditioning

commercial and industrial refrigeration



industrial refrigeration

transport refrigeration

condensing units

#### **NEXT STEPS**

final version expected

**soon** (almost no change compared to draft)

Promotion / incentives / standards

2nd stage HCFC Phase Out Management Plan

standards review at national / international level



# **GUIDE JAPAN 2016 - State of the Industry**

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## **GUIDE JAPAN 2016**



# **GUIDE to natural refrigerants in Japan - State of the Industry 2016**

- 1<sup>st</sup> ever comprehensive guide on natural refrigerants, market, technology and policy trends
- Technology & market maps
- 4 sectors in focus commercial, light commercial, industrial refrigeration, heat pumps
- Voice of key industry players
- Industry survey
- Market outlook
- Case studies















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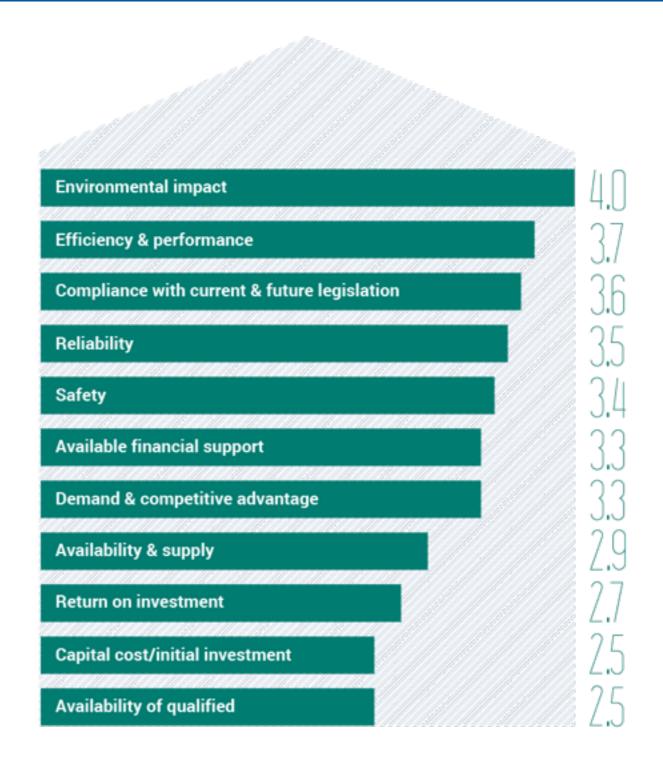




## **DRIVERS FOR NR UPTAKE**



- Lack of negative environmental impact is the most important driver
- Efficiency & performance and compliance with legislation are also very important factors
- Financial incentives rank higher than in other regions indicating the important role that the subsidies for NR technology are playing in the market



## CO<sub>2</sub> REFRIGERATED FOOD STORES IN JAPAN

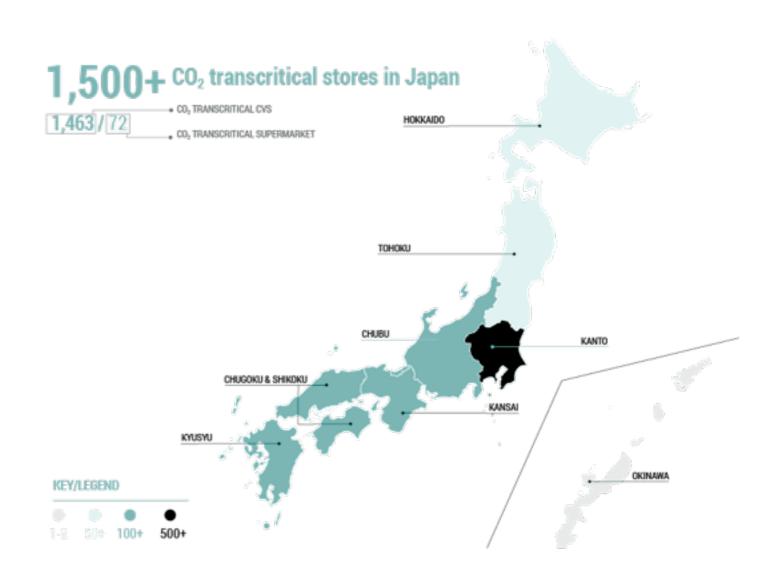


from 190 CO<sub>2</sub> stores to 1,500+ in just 2 years - a major success story putting Japan at the forefront of global CO<sub>2</sub> adoption!

out of that **1,463 are small CVS** which use less than 10 kW

**NEXT**: export of Japanese CO2 technology to SE Asia and other regions, incl. Australia and Europe

**BUT:** only **72 supermarkets have CO<sub>2</sub> TC** refrigeration - one reason: the High Pressure Gas
Safety Act slows down their use in larger systems



source: shecco, GUIDE Japan - State of the Industry 2016

## **LIGHT-COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION IN JAPAN**

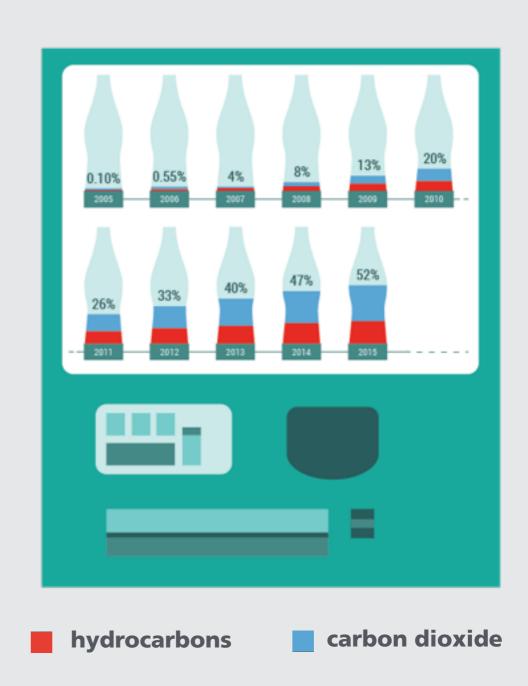


**1.35 million** beverage vending machines in Japan use either hydrocarbons or CO<sub>2</sub> - world's highest number per capita

natural refrigerants make up over **50% of the market** 

from 0.1% to 52% market share in just 10 years! = a clear Japanese success story

**BUT:** Japan has not made similar progress in NR use for small plug-in units - a major trend in other world regions (especially for HC)



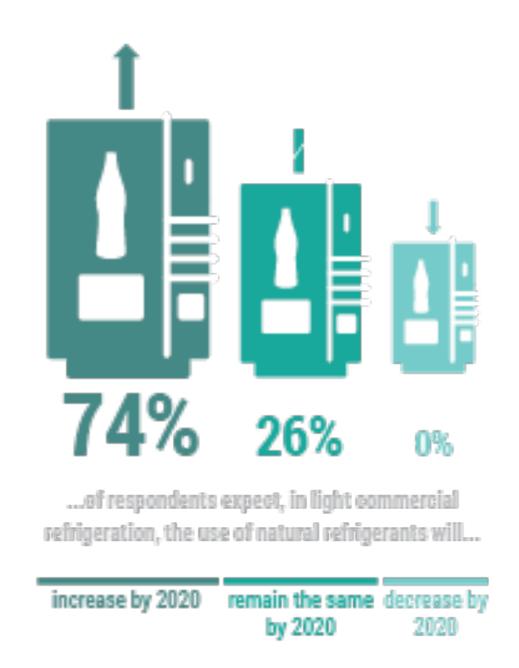
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## **FUTURE USE OF NR IN LIGHT-COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION**



- nearly 3/4 of survey respondents expect that NR in commercial refrigeration will continue to grow at least until 2020
- no survey respondents expect that the uptake of NR will decrease
- the use of hydrocarbons and CO<sub>2</sub> is expected to grow in bottle coolers, plug-in cabinets, vending machines

**BUT:** stronger commitment for NR by local and global consumer brands is needed to avoid use of new unsaturated HFCs



## **INDUSTRIAL REFRIGERATION IN JAPAN**



the market is changing, from a strong reliance on R22 to a renewed uptake of (lower charge) NH₃ systems

**300+ installations** use secondary NH<sub>3</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub> systems

**NEXT**: export of the technology to other regions

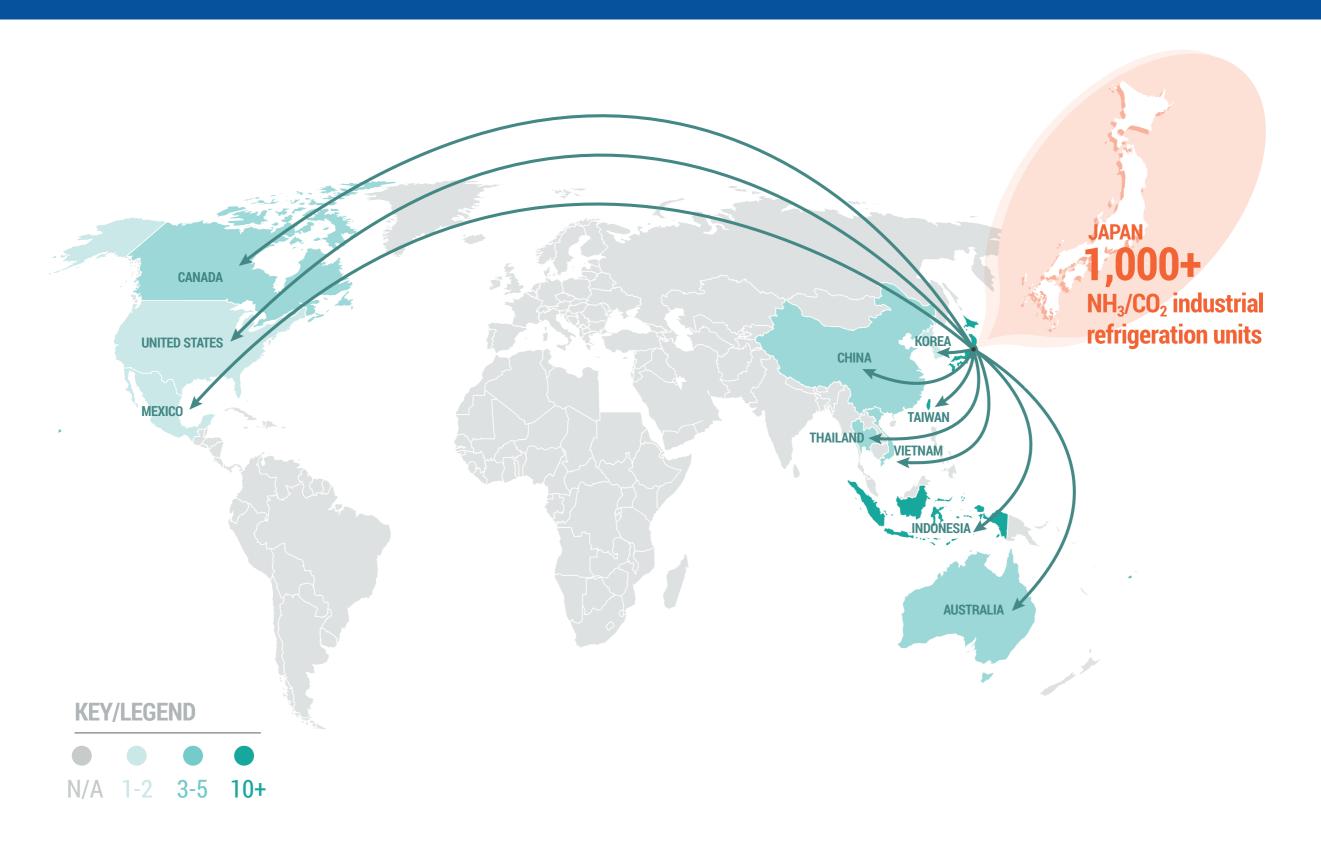
**BUT:** the use of CO<sub>2</sub> transcritical systems still faces restrictions through the High Pressure Gas Safety Act



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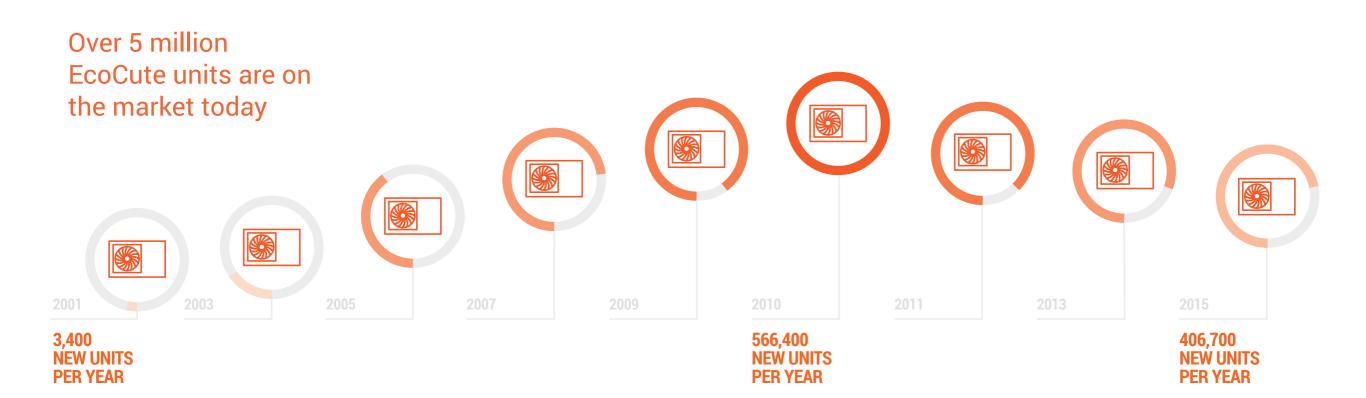
## **INDUSTRIAL REFRIGERATION - FROM JAPAN TO THE WORLD**





## RESIDENTIAL CO<sub>2</sub> HEAT PUMPS





Eco Cute (CO<sub>2</sub> heat pump) has been a run-away success, with strong government support 98% of all new residential HP water heaters

400-500k new units per year - 5 million+ in total

10 million expected by 2020

## **GUIDES TO NATURAL REFRIGERANTS**





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