

BULLETIN

Industry Divisions



Reference No: Inspectors-11-19

Date issued: 25/11/2019

Dear members

The Department of the Environment and Energy issued a media release last week after a Victorian mechanic was fined for possessing 26 illegal disposable cylinders of greenhouse gas, HFC 134a.

What's happened

Department of the Environment and Energy inspectors executed a search warrant on the mechanic's business in April this year. During the search, inspectors identified and seized approximately \$2500 of HFC-134a, which has been forfeited to the Commonwealth for destruction.

The mechanic was issued with two infringement notices for possessing refrigerant without an RTA and storing refrigerant in disposable cylinders. These are offences under regulations 112(2) and 136(1) of the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Regulations 1995. Disposable cylinders containing scheduled substances such as HFC-134a are banned in Australia.

Click [here](#) to view the full media release.

Yours sincerely

John Khoury

Industry Divisions & Policy Advisor

ARD, AED, ERRD, GD, SVA, Auto Trans, ATRA, LVT

VACC

Level 7 | 464 St Kilda Road | Melbourne Vic 3004

P: 03 9829 1153 | M: 0412 510 108 | W: vacc.com.au