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Companies which, in 2019, intend to import or export ozone-depleting substances or which intend to produce or import these substances for essential laboratory and analytical uses, must obtain a license, according to the Notice issued by the European Commission.



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The European Commission issued a Notice, published in the Official Journal of the European Union under No. 57 / 15.02.2018, addressed to companies that are subject to Regulation (EC) No. 1005/2009 on substances that deplete the ozone layer, and which intends to import or export to or from the European Union substances listed in Annex I to the Regulation, or to produce or import these substances for essential laboratory and analytical uses.

Following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union on 29 March 2019, companies situated in one of the other 27 Member States will need a license to import controlled substances from the United Kingdom or to export controlled substances to the United Kingdom.

Furthermore, companies in the United Kingdom which intend to carry out these activities before the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union continue to need licenses until the 29 March 2019.

According to the Notice, the following activities are to be subject to quantitative limits:

- Production and import for laboratory and analytical uses;
- Import for free circulation in the European Union for critical uses (halons);
- Import for free circulation in the European Union for feedstock uses;
- Import for free circulation in the European Union for process agent uses.

In order to carry out import or export operations for such substances, companies must register in the ODS Licensing System (<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/ods2>) before 8 May 2018, the license form and the quota application form will be available online as part of the licensing system from that date.

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