



Massachusetts - SNAP REGULATORY UPDATE –Dec 2020

Massachusetts has adopted the defunct Federal SNAP regulations as Massachusetts State law. Beginning January 1, 2021, this law changes the status listing of certain refrigerants used in specific applications. Massachusetts did this in response to the DC Circuit Court revoking the Federal EPA SNAP delisting Rules 20 & 21 as they pertained to HFCs. The result is that various HFCS and HFC blends that were previously considered Acceptable substitutes for CFCs and HCFCs in Massachusetts, have been changed to Unacceptable in specific end-uses in the refrigeration and air conditioning sectors. This rule does not prohibit the manufacture of the refrigerants, only certain uses in specific applications. This rule also does not prohibit the continued repair or servicing of equipment using a restricted refrigerant if the equipment was installed and operating with a restricted refrigerant prior to specific effective date.*

Specific end uses in the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning sector impacted are:

RETAIL FOOD REFRIGERATION

(New & Retrofit)

- Supermarket systems
Remote condensing units
Stand-alone equipment

COLD STORAGE WHSES

(New Only)

COMFORT COOLING CHILLERS

(New Only)

- Centrifugal
Positive displacement

Below is a partial list of refrigerants used in RETAIL FOOD REFRIGERATION that have been affected by the status changes and the corresponding effective date:

Table with 8 columns: Refrigerant, Supermarket New, Supermarket Retrofit, Remote Cond. Unit New, Remote Cond. Unit Retrofit, MT > 32 F New, LT < 32 F New, LT & MT Retrofit. Rows include R-404A & R-507, R-407A/C/F, and R-134A.



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Below is a chart of refrigerants used in **COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSES** that have been affected by the status changes and the corresponding effective date:

	COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSE	
	NEW*	RETROFIT
R-404A/R-507/R-407A	Prohibited Jan. 1, 2023	No restrictions

Below is a chart of refrigerants used in **COMFORT COOLING CHILLERS** that have been affected by the status changes and the corresponding effective date:

	CENTRIFUGAL & POSITIVE DISPLACEMENT	
	NEW*	RETROFIT
R-134a/R-404a/ R-407C/R-410A/R-507	Prohibited Jan. 1, 2024	No restrictions

***NOTE:** It is important to understand what Massachusetts considers to be a “New” system because during the normal repair of an existing system, adding or replacing multiple components over a 3-year period may meet their definition of a “New” system and would, therefore, be prohibited.

***New:** products or equipment

- (a) That are manufactured after the applicable effective date
- (b) First installed for an intended purpose with new or used components after the effective date;
- (c) Expanded by the addition of components to increase system capacity after the effective or
- (d) Replaced or cumulatively components such that the cumulative capital cost of replacement after the applicable effective date exceeds 50 % of the capital cost of replacing the whole system.

Capital cost: an expense incurred in the production of goods or in rendering services, including but not limited to the cost of engineering, purchase, and installation of components or systems, and instrumentation, and contractor and construction fees.

Component: A part of a refrigeration system, including but not limited to condensing units, compressors, condensers, evaporators, and receivers; and all of its connections and subassemblies, without which the refrigeration system will not properly function or will be subject to failures.

Cumulatively replaced: means the addition of or change in multiple components within a 3-year period.

For more information:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/310-cmr-776-proposed-prohibitions-on-certain-hydrofluorocarbons/download>