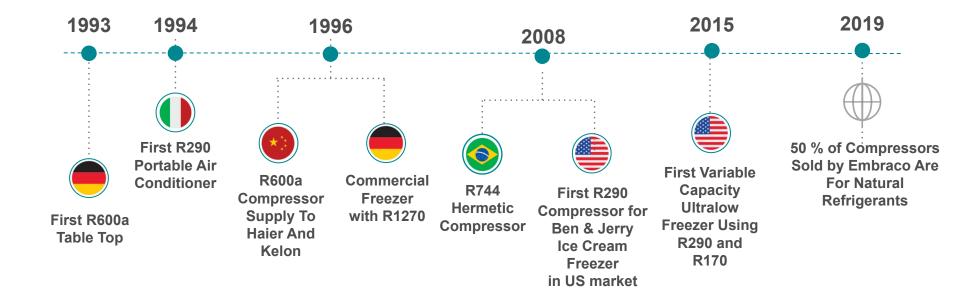


# **REFRIGERANTS TRENDS**

### **NATURAL REFRIGERANTS PROJECTS TIMELINE**







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### **GLOBAL CONTEXT: CLIMATE CHANGE**





GLOBAL AGREEMENTS AND GOALS TO MITIGATE THE RISKS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

- Paris Agreement
- UN' Sustainable Development Goals
- Kigali Amendment to Montreal Protocol



REFRIGERATION, REPRESENTS 10%
OF GLOBAL CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS, MUST
BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE
SOLUTION.



80% FROM PRODUCTS
ENERGY USE



REGULATIONS PHASE DOWN OF HIGH GWP REFRIGERANTS

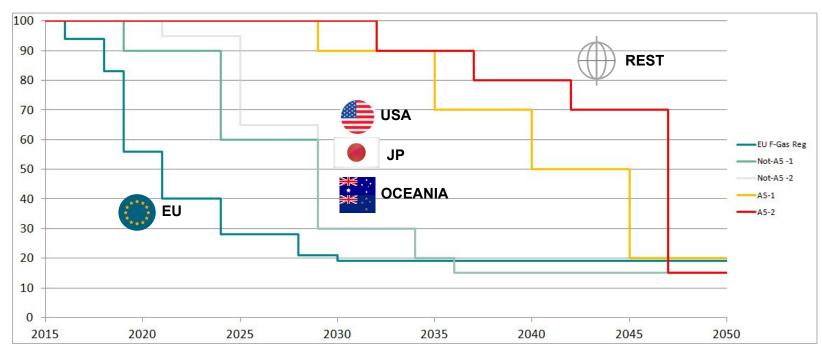


REGULATIONS TO IMPROVE PRODUCTS ENERGY EFFICIENCY

### F-GAS REGULATIONS - KIGALI AMENDMENT





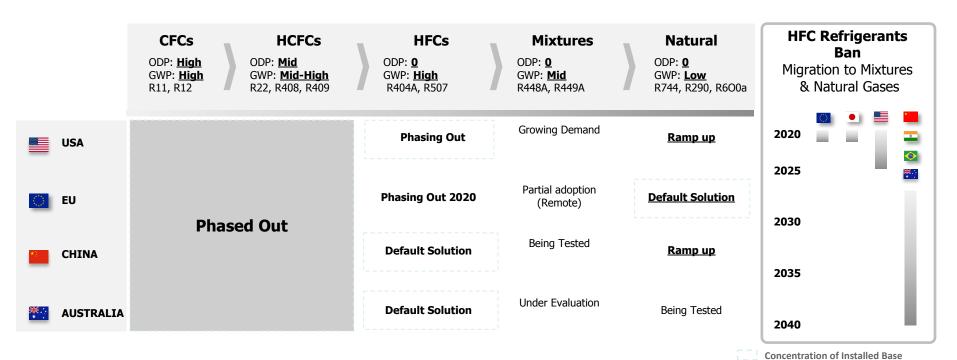


121 Countries Ratified Kigali Agreement, EU is Leading In F-Gas Regulations Effort, US Is Following With AIM Act

### **GLOBAL REGULATION FOR LIGHT COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION**



#### REGULATIONS AND PROGRESSIVE COUNTRIES DRIVING CHANGES IN MEDIUM AND LONG TERM



### EMBRACO PORTFOLIO FOR COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION





# WHY NATURAL REFRIGERANTS?





	HIGH GWP HFC's	LOW GWP HFC's	HC's	
SAFETY CLASS	A1 Not flammable	A2L Mildly flammable	A3 Highly flammable	ATURAL VS
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT	Bad	Good	Excellent	SAN
REFRIGERANT COST	Ref	Very high*	Normal	REFRIGE
COMPRESSOR THERMAL REGIME	Ref	Higher	Lower	Hvdrocarbons
INVESTMENTS FOR SAFETY	Ref	Yes	Yes	Hydrocarbons Are a final solution
SYSTEM EFFICIENCY	Ref	Higher	Much higher	to meet F-Gas regulations
CHARGE LIMIT (IEC, EN60335-2-89)	No	150 g**	150 g**	

<sup>\*</sup> Not yet in mass production

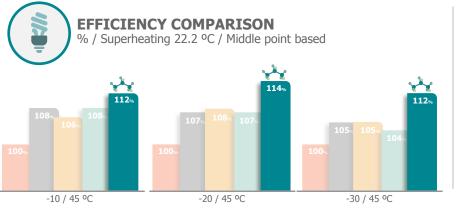
<sup>\*\*</sup> Pending adoption of higher charge with local agencies

# **WHY NATURAL REFRIGERANTS?**

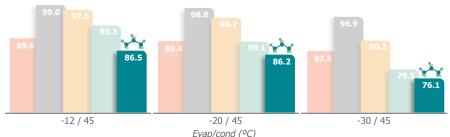












**R404A** 

**A**2L #1

A2L #2

**A2L** #3

R290

**Propane** (R290) is the best in efficiency and lower TCO

Lower operating temperatures lead to longer compressor life

# WHY NATURAL REFRIGERANTS?





## The main advantages of R290 vs A2L alternatives:

Excellent thermodynamic efficiency	= Higher COP, lower indirect impact		
Low discharge temperature	= Higher reliability, larger envelope		
No temperature glide	= Simple heat exchanger design		
Low refrigerant charge	= Higher resistance to liquid return		
Natural refrigerant with low price	= Lower production and service cost		
Extremely low GWP	= Very low direct impact, future proof		
Lower operating pressures	= In EU easier PED compliance		

Except CO<sub>2</sub>, All Low GWP alternatives are flammable (A2L, A2, A3), Code and Standards Requires An Urgent Revision

### REFRIGERANT TRENDS





#### 1. <u>F-Gas</u>

**EPA** federal **regulation on HFCs**: Following AIM Act updated regulation suppose to follow California ruling based on SNAP 20-21.

**SNAP 20-21** (state level): R448A/R449A/R513A (relevant for FR and walk-in coolers) are in compliance - 8 states approved and 7 on going

**CARB**: 2019 - New Equip. (plug-in, distributed) <50lbs -> GWP <1400;

2022 - New Equip. (plug-in, distributed) >50lbs -> GWP <150;

#### 1. Safety

**UL/CSA 60335-2-89** - ref. charge increase (date TBD):

R290 -> 300g w/ doors / 500g w/o doors;

A2L – approx 2.3kg w/ doors / approx 3.8kg w/o doors

**Ashrae 15** to be updated to allow flammables – in progress. Building Codes to follow in 2022 to be allowed in US

#### 1. <u>F-Gas</u>

Under Kigali amendment. HFC ban by 2040

#### 1. Safety

**IEC 60335-2-89:** charge increase. R290 < 500g; A2L < 1.2kg. Already in force in BR

There are a significant number of regulations taking place in different regions, with a focus on increasing the charge of flammable refrigerants (R290 and A2L's), GWP reduction.

### **REFRIGERANT TRENDS**



#### 1. <u>F-gas</u>

F-Gas: 2020: >2500 GWP ban, in 2022

>150 GWP ban for refrigerators and freezers for storage, display or distribution of products in retail and food service for hermetically sealed systems. Regulation update expected in 2021.

#### 1. Safety

**EN 60335-2-89:** expected final vte by July 2021, ref. charge increase under European harmonization process by mid 2022. R290 < 500g; A2L < 1.2kg.

#### 1. F-Gas

**HFC regulation:** Ozone Protection Law, From 1st of January 2019, manufacturers and importers of HFC's must receive permission and obtain a quota in advance from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industries (METI).

#### 1. Safety

IEC 60335-2-89: charge increase not yet published .(date tbc) . R290 < 500g; A2L < 1.2kg.

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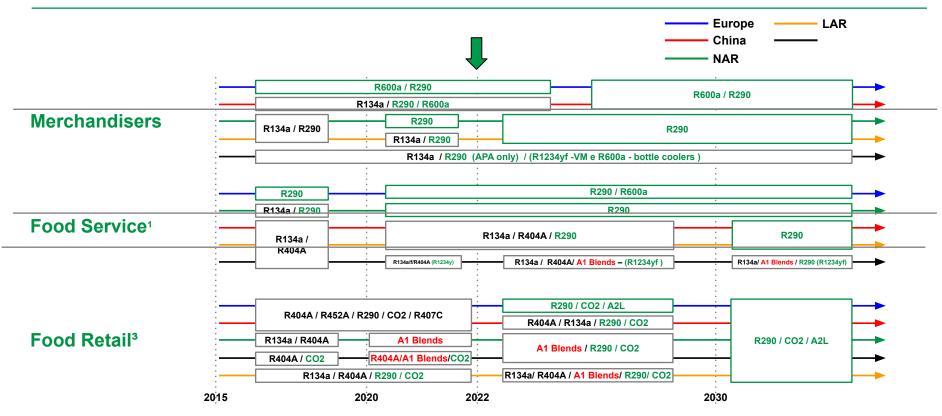
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Australia and New Zealand the AS/NZS 60335.2.89 already in force: R290 < 500g; A2L < 1.2kg.

There are a significant number of regulations taking place in different regions, with a focus on increasing the charge of flammable refrigerants (R290 and A2L's), GWP reduction.

### REFRIGERANTS LANDSCAPE





<sup>1</sup>A2Ls can be an alternative for larger sizes blast chillers . Cold rooms will be divided between A2L and R290 and few with CO2.

A1Blends: R448A, R449A, R452A, R513A

A2L: R454C, R455A

Future proof solution

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>R290 also R600a will be present for small applications

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Above 2HP A2L will have more relevance.

### **ALTERNATIVE REFRIGERANTS**





2018: A3 and A2L = Maximum refrigerant charge 150gr

2019: A3=0.5kg and A2L=1.2kg - Proposal under final IEC vote

Same envelope
Restricted envelope
Planned approval

# **NEW IEC CHARGE – Updated**



**LIMIT FOR FLAMMABLES – IEC 60335-2-89 (2021)** 



- •UL (Underwriters Laboratories) has approved a second edition of the UL 60335-2-89 standard, including higher charge limits for hydrocarbon and A2L (less flammable) refrigerants.
- •The new UL standard raises the charge limit in commercial plug-in display cases to 13 times the LFL (lower flammability limit) of a refrigerant or 500g for propane (R290) but only for open appliances (without doors)
- It raises the charge limit for closed appliances with doors and/or drawers to **eight times the LFL of the flammable refrigerant (300g for R290)**. The prior limit for flammable refrigerants in commercial cases used in millions of installed cases globally was 150g.
- •A higher charge limit for R290 in commercial cases has long been considered necessary for wider adoption of the equipment in U.S. supermarkets. It will allow fewer compressors and condensing units to be used in cases, lowering costs and increasing energy efficiency, observers say.

### **NEW IEC CHARGE**



**LIMIT FOR FLAMMABLES – IEC 60335-2-89 (2019)** 



- Max refrigerant charge for each circuit 13\*LFL, but not more than 1,2kg, (eg.500g of R290, 1,2kg R32).
- Requirements for systems up to 150 g are not changing. They are the same as with previous standard.
- Cold Rooms are not part of the scope with any refrigerante.
- Remote Systems with more then 150 g of flammables are excluded from the scope of this new edition
- Commercial Ice Makers are now part of the standard scope.

### **NEW IEC CHARGE**



# **LIMIT FOR FLAMMABLES – IEC 60335-2-89 (2019)**

#### Main new requirements above 150g of charge:

- Refrigeration circuit has to be **hermetically sealed** Refrigerant-containing parts shall be **protected** and **not** be an **accessible** part
- Appliance shall be constructed to not cause excessive vibration or resonance,
- Appliance shall be **marked** with the **minimum room floor area** in which the appliance is permitted to be installed (With some exceptions),

[symbol IEC 60417-64152 (2019-03)]<sup>3</sup>

minimum room floor area

### **NEW IEC CHARGE**



# **LIMIT FOR FLAMMABLES – IEC 60335-2-89 (2019)**

#### Main new requirements above 150g of charge:

• The main factor used to minimize the creation of a flammable mixture arround the appliance is the air-flow or/and specific design features.

• Appliance shall be constructed such that a leak of refrigerant shall not result in a flammable refrigerant concentration **surrounding the appliance**, by passing the test of **Annex CC**.

• Testing includes **doors**/drawers **opening** test after full charge release inside closed cabinet.

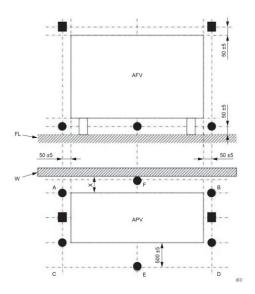




Figure CC.1 - Schematic illustration of the refrigerant concentration sampling points

### CONCLUSIONS



•New Edition of IEC 60335-2-89 was published in 2019. It was a huge achievement on the path to meet Kigali Amendment and becomes a reference standard for all regional and national legislation to mitigate global warming.

• In **US** approved IEC standard will be the base for equivalent **UL** standard with some modification based on **AHRI** recent studies on A3 and A2L safety class refrigerants probably with different charge limits then IEC standard.

- In EU, Ed.3 of IEC standard 60335-2-89 is going to become EN60335-2-89: not earlier than 2022.
- In **Japan** IEC standard is going to be translated into Japanese with deviations based of JIRIA safety studies to become **JIS** 9335-2-89.
- Once the new edition of the standard is part of country/region standardization system to become applicable **has to be adopted by** country/region **legislation**, eg. EU harmonized standards list or in US by EPA.

# **US/Canada Product Safety Standards Status**



• UL 60335-2-89 and CSA C22.2 60335-2-89 update was prepared by CANENA Working Group 12

•2nd Edition of both standards will replace:

UL 1995 / CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 236 Heating and Cooling Equipment

CSA C22.2 No.120 Refrigeration Equipment

**UL 471** Commercial Refrigeration and Freezers

**UL 427** Refrigerating Units

**UL 412** Refrigeration Unit Coolers

•New UL -89 Standard edition was published on Oct,27 2021

•To enter in force it has to be declared acceptable by EPA and then considered by Ashrae 15 Standard and Building Codes.







refrigerated display and storage cabinets refrigerated trolley cabinets
service counters and self-service counters
blast chillers and blast freezers
commercial ice-makers
factory assembled walk in coolers/freezers
split commercial refrigeration systems
partial units used in field-erected systems
dispensing units
commercial refrigeration systems up to 15000 voltage commercial refrigeratiors and freezers for use in fuel dispensing facilities

IEC -89 ed.3	UL -89 ed.2
YES	YES
out of scope	YES
YES**	YES
out of scope	YES
out of scope	YES
out of scope	YES
YES	YES

<sup>\*\*</sup> up to 150g







Max Charge [IEC -89 ed.3] Max Charge [UL -89 ed.2]

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		open cabinets		cabinets with doors	
A2L (R454C)	A3 (R290)	A2L (R454C)	A3 (R290)	A2L (R454C)	A3 (R290)
1.2 kg	0.5 kg	3.8 kg	0.5 kg	2.3 kg	0.3 kg
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out of scope				2.3 kg	0.3 kg
0.015 kg	0.015 kg	up to 76 kg	out of scope	up to 76 kg	out of scope
out of scope		up to 76 kg	out of scope	up to 76 kg	out of scope
out of scope				2.3 kg	0.3 kg
out of scope		3.8 kg	0.5 kg	2.3 kg	0.3 kg
1.2 kg	0.5 kg	3.8 kg	0.5 kg	2.3 kg	0.3 kg







### PIONEER in solutions with natural refrigerants



**Energy efficiency:** robust portfolio with low energy consumption



**Deep expertise**: tailor-made solutions for the system needs.



Reliability: product life extension



1 in 5 hermetic compressors used in the world are Embraco

40% in Light Commercial Equipments





