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Integration of the National Customs Import System with the EU F-Gas Portal via EU CSW- CERTEX

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Purpose of this Notice

This Notice informs Economic Operators (EOs) that, as from 2 September 2026, the automatic electronic connection between the National Customs Import System, the EU F-Gas Portal, and the EU CSW-CERTEX (Single Window Environment) will become operational.

This integration enables real-time verification of F-Gas import formalities, licences, authorisations, and quota-related information regulated by the competent non-customs authority (Malta Environment and Resources Authority - ERA).

This implementation is aligned with Regulation (EU) 2024/573 on fluorinated greenhouse gases and with the stakeholder obligations described by the European Commission for F-Gas equipment and products, including registration, quota coverage, and declaration of conformity requirements.

What is EU CSW-CERTEX and how does it relate to F-Gas?

EU CSW-CERTEX is the EU Single Window Certificate Exchange platform that connects national customs systems with non-customs competent authorities. For F-Gas, CERTEX enables:

- **Automatic retrieval** of F-Gas licence/authorisation data from the EU F-Gas Portal.
- **Real-time validation** of the F-Gas document against the customs declaration.
- **Quantity management**, where applicable, based on the F-Gas Portal's data.
- **Electronic feedback** from CERTEX to Customs on the validity, status, and admissibility of the F-Gas document.

This replaces manual checks and significantly reduces administrative burden for EOs.

The electronic validation covers both bulk F-Gases and equipment/products containing F-Gases, in line with the Commission's guidance on stakeholder obligations for F-Gas equipment and products.

How the Integration Works (Simplified Flow)

1. EO submits an import declaration containing F-Gas goods.
2. The National Customs Import System automatically sends a Check Availability request to EU CSW-CERTEX.
3. CERTEX forwards the request to the EU F-Gas Portal (ERA).
4. The F-Gas Portal returns the licence/authorisation status, quota information, and any quantity management data.
5. CERTEX sends the validated result back to Customs.
6. Customs finalises the declaration based on the CERTEX response.

No manual submission of F-Gas documents to Customs is required once the integration is live.

Obligations for Economic Operators

Mandatory Declaration of F-Gas Reference Numbers

When lodging an import declaration for goods subject to F-Gas controls, EOs must declare:

- Valid F-Gas Registration Number (Importer Registration ID)
- Relevant F-Gas Licence or Authorisation Number, where applicable
- Any applicable quota reference, if required by the F-Gas Portal
- Supporting document codes as per TARIC document codes

These references must correspond to active, valid entries in the EU F-Gas Portal.

TARIC Document

The following TARIC document codes typically apply to F-Gas imports:

General prohibition:

Y986 – Exemption from Import prohibition according to Article 11.1 and 11.2 of Regulation (EU) N° 573/2024;

Y152 – Exemption from Import prohibition, granted for repair or servicing of existing equipment, according to the second paragraph of Article 11.1 of Regulation (EU) 573/2024; - **Y154** – Exemption from Import/Export prohibition on containers, non-refillable or without refilling provisions, for fluorinated greenhouse gases, empty or fully or partially filled, for laboratory or analytical uses according to Article 11.3 of Regulation (EU) 573/2024.

These codes are to be used only where the specific exemption conditions laid down in Article 11 are fulfilled and documented by the EO.

Registration formalities:

Y123 – Undertaking registered according to Art.20 of Regulation (EU) No 573/2024;

This code reflects the obligation that importers must be registered in the EU F-Gas Portal before placing F-Gases or F-Gas-containing equipment on the market.

Quota/authorization formalities:

Y125 – Import falling under Article 16.1 of Regulation (EU) N° 573/2024 on the reduction of the quantity of hydrofluorocarbons placed on the EU market;

Y120 – Undertaking importing less than 10 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent of hydrofluorocarbons, per year, contained in equipment or products, exempted from the provisions of Article 19 of Regulation (EU) 573/2024 (Article 19.6 of Regulation (EU) 573/2024);

C057 – Copy of the declaration of conformity - Option A, as referred to in Article 1.2 and in the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 879/2016/;

C079 – Copy of the declaration of conformity - Option B, as referred to in Article 1.2 and in the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 879/2016/;

C082 – Copy of the declaration of conformity - Option C, as referred to in Article 1.2 and in the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 879/2016/;

Y951 – Exemption from the reduction of the quantity of hydrofluorocarbons placed on the market by virtue of Article 16.2 (a), (b), (d), (e) of Regulation (EU) 573/2024;

Y972 – Exemption from the reduction of the quantity of hydrofluorocarbons placed on the market by virtue of Article 16.2 (c) of Regulation (EU) 573/2024.

The C057, C079 and C082 codes implement the obligation to provide a Declaration of Conformity for equipment covered by Article 19, as described in the Commission's guidance on F-Gas equipment and products.

Information requirements:

Y121 – Tonnes of CO₂ equivalent of bulk gases and of gases contained in products or equipment, and parts thereof;

Y163 – Net mass of fluorinated greenhouse gases charged in products and equipment (This TARIC Document type code will be integrated only to FGAS products and equipment, not for FGAS bulk.

These information codes support the requirement to declare both the quantity in metric tonnes and the quantity in CO₂ equivalent, as set out in Article 23 of Regulation (EU) 2024/573 and reflected in the Commission's stakeholder obligations guidance.

These codes must be inserted in **the respective box** (Supporting Documents) of the customs import declaration. EO's should only declare the codes that are relevant to the specific transaction and legal situation (e.g. exemption, quota use, declaration of conformity), and should ensure consistency between the declared codes and the data recorded in the EU F-Gas Portal.

To Whom These Requirements Apply

These obligations apply to:

- All importers of fluorinated greenhouse gases (F-Gas)
- Importers of equipment pre-charged with F-Gas
- Authorised representatives lodging declarations on behalf of importers
- Customs brokers preparing declarations for clients importing F-Gas goods.

What Eos Must Ensure Before Lodging a Declaration

- The importer must be registered in the EU F-Gas Portal.
- Any required licence or authorisation must be approved and active.
- The declared reference numbers must match exactly the entries in the F-Gas Portal.
- The goods must fall under the correct CN/TARIC codes for F-Gas.
- The declaration must include the correct Y-series codes.

Incorrect or missing references will result in **automatic rejection** of the declaration by CERTEX.

Benefits for Economic Operators

- Faster clearance of F-Gas consignments
- No manual submission of F-Gas documents
- Reduced administrative burden
- Immediate feedback on licence validity
- Full alignment with Regulation (EU) 2024/573
- The integration also reduces the risk of non-compliance with F-Gas obligations by ensuring that customs and ERA use the same, centrally validated data from the EU F-Gas Portal.

Go-Live Date

This automatic connection will be activated on: **2 September 2026**

For any queries relating to Customs systems, please contact the following helpdesk:

<https://mtca.gov.mt/customs/electronic-systems/customs-systems-queries>

(ERA– F-Gas Helpdesk - Customer Care: <https://cceris.eraportal.org.mt/submit-case>)

See also the EU Commission's Stakeholder Obligations and Guidelines: https://climate.ec.europa.eu/areas-action/fluorinated-greenhouse-gases/stakeholder-obligations_en

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