



SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

**Eighteenth SPREP Meeting**

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**Agenda Item 8.2.2: Regional Project for the Implementation  
of the Montreal Protocol in the Pacific Region:  
Actions needed to achieve compliance**

**Purpose of Paper**

1. To draw the attention of the Meeting to activities that need to be completed by Pacific island Parties to comply with the provisions of the Montreal Protocol and its amendments. In particular the need to put in place licensing systems for chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs).
2. A Regional Strategy for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol in the Pacific Region has been implemented since 2002 with project funding from the Multilateral Fund Secretariat (MLFS) of the Montreal Protocol together with the Government of Australia. The initial aim of the Strategy was to phase out CFCs by 2005 in eight countries through the following activities:
  - Establishment of National Compliance Centres
  - National Training for refrigeration technicians
  - Development of regulations
  - Training of Customs Officers for border control on ODS
3. The Project is implemented by SPREP in cooperation with UNEP. The funding provided is partly disbursed to countries for in-country activities and partly to enable SPREP to provide regional/technical support and to facilitate training.
4. Three additional countries, Nauru, Niue and Cook Islands joined the Project in 2005. UNEP and the MLFS granted a time extension of one year to the project for activities in three additional countries during 2006.

5. At the 17<sup>th</sup> SPREP Meeting last year the Secretariat highlighted the remaining activities that needed to be completed under the Regional Strategy. Since then the Secretariat has gained an additional year of funding (through the MLFS and Government of Australia) to take the project through to conclusion in December 2007.

### Current status of Project

6. The project document sets out key milestones to be achieved in participating countries and a summary of country progress towards these milestones is set out in the Table 1 below:

Countries	Establishment of Part time National Compliance Centre to implement NCAP	Approved National Legislation to control consumption ODS	Assisted with provision of training to refrigeration and air-conditioning technicians	*Assisted with provision of Customs Trainings and other enforcement officers
FSM	v		v	
Kiribati	v		v	
Palau	v	v	v	v
RMI	v	v	v	v
Solomon Islands	v		v	
Tonga	v		v	
Tuvalu	v		v	
Vanuatu	v		v	
Cook Islands	v			
Nauru	v			
Niue	v		v	

**Table 1.0 – Summary of activities implemented denoted by ticks**

\* [NB Regulations need to be in place before Customs training is undertaken]

Column 2 in Table 1 above sets out progress on the key issue of putting in place the licensing system for CFCs. This is a requirement for countries under the Montreal Protocol and its amendments. Without a licensing system, countries that have ratified the relevant amendments will be identified as being in a state of non-compliance with the Protocol.

### Comment on progress

7. As can be seen from Table 1, there remains much work to be completed for countries in the region to achieve full compliance. This situation is of increasing concern to the Montreal Protocol Secretariat, UNEP and SPREP, and causes difficulties for SPREP in bringing this project to a successful conclusion.

8. The issue of compliance with the Montreal Protocol is important to countries, not only because the situation is raised publicly at the annual Conference of Parties, but also for its wider implications with respect to demonstrating that countries in the region take their international obligations seriously. Countries in the Pacific rely on the system of multilateral environmental agreements to achieve benefits for the region (for example, through providing funding for biodiversity protection and action on climate change) and for themselves.

9. SPREP is continuing to work with countries to implement national licensing systems and there is an increasing need for urgency in getting licensing systems in place. Countries can assist this greatly by passing ODS regulations as soon as practicable and completing their reporting requirements under the Strategy and the Montreal Protocol.

### **Recommendation**

10. The Meeting is invited to:

- **note** the limited progress with control and phase out of ozone depleting substances under the Regional Strategy, in particular, the need to put in place licensing systems for CFCs;
- **note** that SPREP will continue to provide technical support and advice to countries under the current Project until its conclusion at the end of 2007; and
- **urge** countries that have not yet done so to implement a licensing system for CFCs as soon as practicable and complete their reporting requirements under the Montreal Protocol