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**Subject: Your letter of 5 September 2012 regarding measures on HFC emissions from the maritime sector**

Dear Mr. Dings, Ms. Filzmozer, Ms. Perry,

Thank you for your letter. As you are aware it is the intention of the Commission to present a proposal reviewing the F-gas Regulation in the near future. As this proposal is currently being discussed between the services of the Commission I cannot comment directly on its content at this stage.

Nonetheless, I wish to thank you for the useful technical input you have provided. As regards the current F-Gas Regulation 842/2006, it is important to state that a recovery obligation (Article 4) for mobile equipment (unless it serves military purposes) already exists "to the extent that it [recovery] is technically feasible and does not entail disproportionate cost". The Commission has been emphasising to the Member States' authorities that an exception on the latter grounds should be the exception, rather than the rule, and has encouraged Member States to enforce the current Regulation in this way. Any emissions savings based on recovery of F-gases from ships can therefore already be achieved through existing legislation.

My colleagues will contact you directly should they require any further input or clarifications at the technical level.

Yours sincerely,

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