

Ozone Layer Protection (Amendment) Bill 2024

Debate and voting arrangements

- Object of the Bill :** To amend the Ozone Layer Protection Ordinance (Cap. 403) and its subsidiary legislation to:
- (a) implement the Kigali Amendment to the 1987 Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (“Protocol”) and to better implement the Protocol;
 - (b) provide for controls on hydrofluorocarbons (“HFCs”) with high global warming potential and on products and equipment containing, made with or designed to operate on those HFCs;
 - (c) provide for the safe handling of hazardous refrigerants that may be used as substitutes for those HFCs;
 - (d) empower the Secretary for Environment and Ecology (“SEE”) to make regulations for the above purposes; and
 - (e) provide for related matters.

Joint debate : Clauses with no amendments, and clauses with amendments proposed by SEE — Clauses 1 to 33	
Joint debate on the original clauses and the amendments.	
<u>SEE’s amendments</u>	
<u>Contravention of the record-keeping requirement</u>	
Clauses 28 and 29	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To delete, in clauses 28(2) and 29, the references to “continuing offence” as the Administration considers that the proposed “continuing offence” may incriminate a person who genuinely seeks to rectify his or her default but fails to do so due to practical difficulties in retrieving the lost past records, which is contrary to the legislative intent of the Administration. 	
Voting order :	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clauses with no amendments (i.e. clauses 1 to 27 and 30 to 33) standing part of the Bill 2. SEE’s amendments (to amend clauses 28 and 29) 3. Clauses 28 and 29 with or without amendments standing part of the Bill

SEE’s amendments

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