Workshop Completion Report

Supervisory Officers Workshop to Combat Illegal trade in HCFCs from 19th to 20th January, 2021 at NACIN, Faridabad

Supervisory Officers Workshop on combating Illegal trade in HCFCs was conducted at NACIN, Faridabad from 19th to 20th January, 2021. Joint Director, NACIN, Faridabad and 23 freshly recruited Customs officers along with one senior Customs officer attended the workshop.



After inauguration, the first day started with introduction session wherein participants were made aware about expected outcome of the training programme and basic concepts about environmental and human health consequences of ozone layer depletion. Detailed discussions on – International response and recent decision of Montreal Protocol, National obligations and response, National Production/import/export licensing system, Logistics and Data Management, Application forms, permit forms etc. along with practical exercises on checking freight papers and permits, Green Customs initiative and Related international conventions were held in successive sessions.



The Participants were very proactive and interactive during all the sessions.



The Second day started with an introductory session on Role of Customs officers and other key stakeholders along with discussions. Further sessions discussed about the identification of ODS and ODS-based products. Further, practical hands-on-session on identification of Refrigerants was conducted in which participants did practical exercises on identification of refrigerant gas by using the UltimalD Pro Refrigerant Analyzer. Discussion on implementation of HCFC-141b phase out, illegal trade and how to combat illegal trade were held in the last session.





The workshop concluded with evaluation, feedback and comments from participants followed by the valediction and Certificate distribution.

Participants appreciated the workshop as it was very productive and helpful for them. The overall grading of the workshop given by the participants is 9.12 out of 10.

However, the following suggestions by way of feedback were also made by them: -

- Inclusion of more case studies of actual seizures by Indian Customs and overseas Customs.
- More practical by more hands- on training sessions and introducing real life videos of some ICPs of India/seizure/disposal etc.
- Incorporate more futuristic visions to ODS and researches going on in the field.

These suggestions will be incorporated in future training agenda.