Workshop Completion Report

Supervisory Officers Workshop to Combat Illegal trade in HCFCs on 23rd and 24th March, 2021 at NACIN, Hyderabad

Supervisory Officers Workshop on combating Illegal trade in HCFCs was conducted online by NACIN, Hyderabad on 23rd and 24th March, 2021. Joint Director, NACIN, Hyderabad and 24 Officers from Coast Guard, Navy, Customs and NACIN 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, freight papers etc. alongwith practical exercise 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.

Participants appreciated the workshop as it was very productive and helpful for them. The overall grading of the workshop given by the participants is 9.35 out of 10.

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

- Addition/Inclusion of more case studies/practical examples/ experiences.
- Offline sessions would have been more effective especially for the identification of ODS/Refrigerants.