

## Backgrounder

### **CANADA'S DOMESTIC CONTROL PROGRAM TO PROTECT THE OZONE LAYER**

The international scientific community has concluded that a reduction of roughly 85% in CFC use is necessary to stop depletion of the ozone layer and allow it to restore itself.

Canada contributed to and supports these findings and consequently has set as a national objective the complete elimination of controlled CFCs within 10 years. The following actions will be taken to achieve this objective.

#### **1. IMPLEMENT THE PROTOCOL**

As a first step, Ozone Depleting Substances Regulations will be published in the Canada Gazette, Part I, to implement the consumption reduction targets set out in the Montreal Protocol. These are:

- a freeze in consumption at 1986 levels
  - CFCs on July 1, 1989
  - halons on January 1, 1992
- a reduction in consumption of CFCs
  - 20% on July 1, 1993
  - 50% on July 1, 1998

#### **2. REGULATE A REDUCTION GREATER THAN 85%**

Immediate release of a draft national regulation under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act that call for at least a reduction of 85% of controlled CFCs by no later than 1999. Consultations on these draft regulations will emphasize shortening the 1999 timeframe.

#### **3. PROHIBIT SPECIFIC CFC USES**

Immediate release of draft regulations under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act that prohibit the use of ozone depleting substances for non essential uses or where substitutes are available. The following items are proposed.