

**Report**  
**on**  
**Training Workshop on Green Trade for the Protection of the Ozone Layer**



‘Chamelli’ Conference Room, Poribesh Bhaban, Department of Environment  
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## Introduction

A training workshop on “Green Trade for the Protection of the Ozone Layer” was jointly organized by the Department of Environment (DoE) and United National Environmental Programme (UNEP–ROAP) on 02 October 2016 under “HCFC Phase-out Management Plan (Stage - I) - UNEP Component” project at Chamelli Conference Room, Department of Environment, Dhaka. The participants of the workshop were officials from different Custom House, National Board of Revenue (NBR), Department of Environment,



Bangladesh Police, Coast Guard and concern ministries. The main objective of this training programme was to provide the enforcement officials in Bangladesh necessary skills to monitor and control the imports of ODSs and their products & equipments. The detection and prevention of illegal trade was a part of this training.

## Workshop Approach



A day long workshop was organized which was divided into two sessions, one is inaugural and other is technical session. During the workshop “Training Manual: Green Trade for the Protection of the Ozone Layer” and video clippings related to ozone layer protection and illegal trade of ODSs were distributed among the participants. Besides some information sheets, books on ozone layer protection in Bangladesh were also distributed to the participants. Power point & multimedia presentation were in the workshop for better

understanding. A practical demonstration on ODS identification with the ODS identifier was also made. The workshop was conducted interactively between the resource person and the participants.

## Inaugural Session

The training workshop began with the recitation from Holy Qur'an at in the morning on 02 October 2016 followed by the self introduction of the participants the technical session began. National expert from National Board of Revenue (NBR), Ministry of Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs, and DoE were the resource persons. Detailed agenda and list of participants of the workshop are attached in annexes (Anex-I and Anex-II respectively). Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi, Additional



Director General and Project Director, HPMP Stage-I Project chaired the workshop. Mr. Md. Raisul Alam Mondal, Director General, Department of Environment was the Chief Guest of the programme. Mr. Md. Rezaul Hasan, Member, National Board of Revenue was the Special Guest. Mr. Atul Bagai, Senior Regional Coordinator, UNEP-ROAP, Bangkok was also present in the workshop.

Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi, Additional Director General, Department of Environment and Project Director, HCFC Phase-out Management Plan (Stage-I) UNEP Component project welcome the participants on behalf of the Department of Environment and made his opening remarks and highlighting activities undertaken by the government for the protection of ozone layer. He also informed the participants about the national stakeholders' engagement on ODS issues and role of NBR, specially the Customs Department to control import and prevent illegal trade of ODS.

Mr. Atul Bagai, UNEP-ROAP thanked Bangladesh for organizing such an important workshop and achieving 2015 reduction target. He outlined the role of customs officers in enforcing illegal trade on ODS, future challenges for the enforcing agencies and how customs officers could work throughout the world in controlling the ODSs. He urge the customs officers to contribute in the workshop for upcoming HPMP Stage-II preparation.

Mr. Md. Rezaul Hasan, Member (VAT, Audit & Intelligence), National Board of Revenue in his address focus on the role of enforcement officer in combating illegal trade of ODSs. He spoke about the ODS trade control, effective implementation of Montreal Protocol, involvement of customs on Montreal Protocol issues, tools of green customs, international network to control illegal trade, and how to control ODS illegal trade etc.

## Technical Session

The technical session began with the presentation of Dr. Satyendra Kumar Purkayastha, Senior Officer, Institutional Strengthening for the Phase-out of ODS Phase-VII project, Department of

Environment. In his presentation he gave a detail of activities undertaken by the government for the implementation of Montreal Protocol in Bangladesh, national ODS phase-out schedule, sectors using HCFCs, national stakeholder engagement, licensing and quota system for HCFC and guidelines for quota allocation, criteria of quota allocation, procedures of imports/ exports/ transit of ODSs.



The second presentation was made by Mr. Humayun Forhad, Deputy Secretary, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division. He enlightened the participants with his presentation on Ozone Depleting Substances Control Rules, 2004 and its amendments specially rules for customs on enforcement of ODSs. He detailed out ODS phase-out schedule in Bangladesh, penalty clauses on ODS illegal trade, licensing and quota system in Bangladesh, exemption clauses in rules.

The third presentation was made by Mr. Md. Lutfar Rahman, Commissioner, Customs House,

Dhaka. In his presentation he discussed about the smuggling of ODS and combating illegal trade, smuggling schemes of ODS include new trends in ODS smuggling, counterfeit refrigerants as a growing problem.

The fourth presentation was offered by Dr. Moinul Khan, Director General, Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate. He discussed about risk of misdeclaration for transported goods, procedure of examination and assessment of imported goods in Customs House. He also discussed on customs intelligence.



The last presentation was made by Mr. Sayed Mushfikur Rahman, Additional Commissioner, VAT Online Project, NBR. He recapped the whole technical session and summarized the technical session.

Mr. Shaikh Obaidullah Al Mahmood, Research Officer, Institutional Strengthening for the Phase-out of ODS (Phase-VII) Project demonstrated the use of ODS identifier.



The Chief Guest of the workshop Mr. Md. Raisul Alam Mondal, Director General, Department of Environment joined in the Technical Session and he made some remarks in the workshop. He mentioned that customs official today is playing a vital role for the protection of ozone layer as well as other environmental issues. He thanked the participants for their active participation and for the suggestion made for improving enforcement on illegal trade of

ODS.

In his concluding remarks as a chair, Mr. Quazi Sarwar Imtiaz Hashmi, Additional Director General, Department of Environment thanked the participants for making the workshop a success.

### **Workshop Recommendation**

In the technical session of the workshop, different issues were raised during questions and answer. Participants and the resource persons gave their ideas for effective ODS trade control. Some suggestions were drawn in the workshop which are as follows:

- a. More training is required for the customs and other enforcing officials.
- b. More identifier is required to identify ODS in different entry points.
- c. Customs official gave assurance of cooperation regarding illegal trade.
- d. If information regarding illegal trade could be gathered, it can be shared with the customs officials for enforcement.
- e. Possible risk profiling for risky importers can be shared with the customs department.
- f. C&F agents and businessmen involvement in such workshop would be more effective.
- g. For any query and clarification, custom officers may contact with the local office of DoE, as well as Ozone Cell of DoE at its Head Quarter.