## Industry co-operation on Natural Refrigerant technology development



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# **About JRAIA**

### History

The Japan Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Industry Association (JRAIA) was originally established in February 1949.

### Objective

JRAIA contributes to the steady development of Japanese industry and improvement in people's standard of living.

### Membership

JRAIA members consist of regular and associate members. (123)(1) Regular members: 76(2) Associate members: 47



# Worldwide Heat Pump Market

Estimates of World Demand for Air Conditioners

89.5 million units (2012 calendar year)



## Japanese share of Heat Pump Market in the world



## The effect of the Top Runner Program



### JRAIA

Agency for Natural Resources and Energy

### **Domestic and Overseas Situation of Refrigerants and Future View**

- •EU passed a resolution to ban refrigerants with GWP150 and above for automobile air-conditioners from 2011 onward.
- Phase-out of HFC is put on a discussion table due to global warming impact caused by HFC.
- Japanese Government will frame a new system of the GWP reduction.
- •ASHRAE has created a new grade A2L for moderate flammable refrigerants in its classification. There is a movement worldwide toward moderate flammable refrigerants with a low GWP.



## **Policy and Activities for Environmental Issues**

### EQUIPMENT

#### **Energy Saving**

•Emission control on a CO2 basis

### REFRIGERANTS Direct Emission control

- Recovery activities
- Emission control in production
- Leakage reduction in use

#### ALTERNATE REFRIGERANTS

Switch to new refrigerants

- Research and investigation
- Low GWP refrigerants
- · Other refrigerants

Fluorocarbon Recovery and Destruction Law ⇒New Law (2015)

Energy conservation law Top Runner Program

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Home Appliances Recycling Law

**Automobile Recycling Law** 

The Act for Rationalized Use and Proper Management of Fluorocarbons.

## **Requirements for next generation refrigerants**

### **Conditions required for Alternatives**

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Safety	<ul> <li>Low Toxicity</li> <li>Low Risk of Flammability</li> </ul>
Environment Performance	<ul> <li>Ozone Depletion Potential =0</li> <li>Low Global Warming Potential</li> </ul>
Energy Efficient	<ul> <li>Superior for LCCP* value</li> <li>Similar performance at high load cooling</li> </ul>
Economic Feasibility	<ul> <li>Reasonable Cost</li> <li>Acceptable in Developing Countries</li> </ul>

## CO<sub>2</sub> Emission origin from energy in product usage CO<sub>2</sub> Emission at refrigerant Leaks in product usage CO<sub>2</sub> Emission at refrigerant Leaks at product disposal

### Next generation refrigerant candidates for air-conditioners

	ODP	GWP (IPCC 4AR)	ASHRAE safety classification	Ignition Point (°C)	Burning Quantity (kJ/kg)	Burning Velocity (cm/sec)	Pressure (MPa)
HCFC R22	0.055	1810	A1	-	-	-	1.72
R410A	0	2090	A1	-	-	-	2.72
R32	0	675	A2L	648	9.3	6.7	2.8
R1234yf	0	4	A2L	405	10.3	1.5	1.16
Mix	0	300~500 ?	? Sovore	?	?	?	
New	0	?	?		?		<u></u>
R717 (NH <sub>3</sub> )	0	0	B2L	651	18.6	7.2	1.78
R290 (Propane)	0	<3	A3	410	46.3	39	1.53
R744 (CO <sub>2</sub> )	0	1	-	-	-	-	10.00

## **Combustion Test Results**



R290(A3) Propane

BV=39cm/s



R152a (A2) BV=23cm/s



### R32 (A2L) BV=6.7cm/s



## **Trends in the number of Natural Refrigerant Patent**



## **Example of Alternative Refrigerant Technology**



MAYEKAWA Air Refrigeration System ultra-low temperature (-50°C-100°C)

#### **Issues of Natural Refrigerant**

- Safety (Flammability ,Toxic)
- Performance (Low energy efficiency)
- Economy (production cost)



There is no suitable natural refrigerant in Air-conditioner use

#### Panasonic CO2 Refrigeration Showcase

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TOYO Engineering Works CO2/NH<sup>3</sup> Secondary Refrigerant Circulation System



### Correlation diagram of ambient temperature and operating temperature on CO<sub>2</sub> refrigerant



# Thank you for your kind attention!

