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COUNTRY PROGRAMME UPDATE: MONGOLIA

This document consists of:

- Comments and Recommendations of the Fund Secretariat
- Transmittal Letter from the Government of Mongolia
- Country Programme Cover Sheet
- Summary of the Country Programme Update (prepared by the Secretariat)

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FUND SECRETARIAT

COMMENTS

- 1. The Government of Mongolia has submitted a country programme update for consideration at the 42nd Meeting of the Executive Committee. The country programme update was prepared with the assistance of the Government of Japan within the framework of its project for bilateral cooperation "Assistance for the implementation of strategic planning of the Multilateral Fund to promote compliance with the Montreal Protocol in the Asia and Pacific Region (phase 2)".
- 2. The review of the county programme update shows that the Government of Mongolia has taken significant steps to facilitate the implementation of the current country programme approved in 1999. These included establishment of institutional structures, enactment of new regulations and revision of existing ones to support its implementation. As a result, there has been steady reduction in Mongolia's ODS consumption, mainly CFC-12 consumption, which has been reduced from 12.8 ODP tonnes in 1999 to 6.9 ODP tonnes in 2002, below the consumption freeze level of 10.6 ODP tonnes.
- 3. The action plan in the country programme update focuses on the implementation of the licensing system which has been given legal backing by the Government. This approach would enhance Mongolia's ability to sustain its compliance with the ODS phase-out measures under the Montreal Protocol.
- 4. As a policy, Mongolia does not intend to seek additional funding for its refrigerant management plan until its review in 2007.

RECOMMENDATION

5. The Fund Secretariat recommends approval of the Mongolia country programme update, noting that approval of the country programme does not denote approval of the projects identified therein or their funding levels.

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To: The Government of Japan

REQUEST

I, on behalf of the Government of Mongolia would like to ask the Government of Japan to submit the Mongolia Country Programme Update to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat on behalf of Mongolia.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

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COUNTRY PROGRAMME UPDATE COVER SHEET

Country: Mongolia

Date of adoption: 29 October 2003 by the meeting of the National

Committee on Ozone Layer Protection, Mongolia

Lead National Agency: Ministry of Nature and Environment

National Ozone Authority

Period covered: 2003-2007

1. Phase-out schedule

Substances	Current consumption	Planned year of	
	in 2002 (ODP tonnes)	phase-out	
Annex A & B			
CFC-11	0*	2008	
CFC-12	6.9*	2008	
CFC-113	0**	2002**	
CFC-115	0***	2008	
Sub-total	6.9	2008	
Annex C			
HCFC-22	0.5		
Total	7.4	As per Montreal Protocol	

^{*} Import of CFC-11 (0.5 ODP tonnes) is requested by one end-user in 2003.

2. Government action plan and projects to be submitted for funding by the Multilateral Fund

1. On careful consideration as to whether it is in the interest of Mongolia at this state to request final funding to achieve total phase-out of CFCS, as is urged by the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund, eg, in Decision 40/21, the Government of Mongolia has decided to request continued funding for the institutional strengthening programme while promising to continue its in-kind contribution for part of the administrative costs for the NOU office and communications. It will take the opportunity of RMP updating in the period before 2007 to work out the final phase-out plan and request final funding.

^{**} Consumption of CFC-113 was phased out in 2002.

^{***} Import of CFC-115 is to be reported in 2003.

SUMMARY OF THE COUNTRY PROGRAMME UPDATE

Country profile

- 2. In part due to a correction of its baseline consumption of CFCs and in part due to the "expiry" of the country programme which had an operational period of 1996-2002, a country programme update was prepared to provide a roadmap for Mongolia's policies and other ODS phase-out efforts until total phase-out.
- 3. Mongolia has ratified the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol and all its amendments except the Beijing Amendment. Consumption of ODS in the country is limited to CFC-12 and HCFC-22. Mongolia's total 2002 consumption was 7.4 ODP tonnes, consisting of 6.9 ODP tonnes of Annex A Group I substances (exclusively CFC-12) and 0.5 ODP tonnes of Annex A Group II substances (HCFC-22). Its baseline consumption of Annex A Group I substances is 10.6 ODP tonnes. ODS is imported mainly from the People's Republic of China with only about 5 per cent from the Russian Federation.
- 4. Mongolia has so far received US \$474,770 in assistance from the Multilateral Fund for ODS phase-out activities mainly to implement a refrigerant management plan (RMP), including recovery and recycling of CFC-12.
- 5. The Ministry of Nature and Environment under which the National Ozone Unit was established in December 1999, is the responsible government agency for implementing the Montreal Protocol and the national ODS phase-out programme.

Review of implementation of the current country programme

- 6. Since the approval of the country programme in 1999 a number of actions and activities have been carried out to promote the phase-out of ODS in the country. These include:
 - Enforcement of existing relevant regulations on imports of controlled substances.
 - Enactment of new legislation and regulations and adoption of government resolutions, such as Government Resolution 104 of 23 June 1999 on procedure of licensing import, trade and uses of ODS and Government Resolution 54 of 14 March 2001 on approval of coded list and procedure of banned and licensed goods for import, etc. ODS import is controlled by import quota through the licensing system.
 - Inventory of ODS and ODS contained equipment.
 - Creation of public awareness.
 - Training of refrigeration technicians in good practices.
 - Training of 292 customs officers and 42 environmental inspectors.
 - Organization of refrigerant recovery and recycling workshops.
 - Establishment of two recycling centres and three MAC servicing centres.
- 7. Most of the planned government actions were completed as scheduled including the establishment of legal, licensing and quota systems. Some of the activities approved under Mongolia's refrigerant management plan were completed while others are still under

implementation. The table below provides the status of implementation of the projects approved for the country.

Status of implementation of approval projects

	Sector	Project code implementing agency	Implementing agency	Funding from Executive Committee (US \$)	Mongolian Government contribution (US \$)	Status
MON/SEV/20/CPG/01	All	Country programme (UNEP)	UNEP	50,000		Completed
MON/SEV/28/INS/02	All	Establishment of the ozone unit/institutional strengthening	UNEP	66,000	28,000	Completed
MON/REF/32/TRA/03	Refrigeration	Implementation of the RMP: train the trainer programme for refrigeration service technicians	UNEP	65,970		On-going (originally planned to be completed Jan. 2002)
MON/REF/32/TRA/04	Refrigeration	Implementation of the RMP: training of customs officer, ODS inspectorate and NOU staff	UNEP	77,200		On-going (originally planned to be completed Jan. 2002)
MON/REF/32/PRP/05	Refrigeration	Preparation of a refrigerant recycling project	UNDP	25,000		Completed
MON/REF/35/TAS/06	Refrigeration	Implementation of the RMP: recovery and recycling of CFC-12 refrigerant	UNDP	108,600		On-going until Jan. 2005) 5.61 ODP tonnes to be phased out
MON/SEV/36/INS/07	All	Renewal of institutional strengthening project (phase II)	UNEP	57,000	12,000	On-going (until July 2004)
ASP/SEV/38/TAS/49	All	Country consultation meeting	Japan, UNEP	25,000		On-going
Total				474,770	40,000	

Action plan

- 8. The action plan for the country programme update focuses on implementation of the quota system and a plan for maintaining compliance. The schedule for the 2002 refrigerant import quotas shows that requests for import of a total of 11.1 tonnes of CFC-12 and 9.3 tonnes of HCFC-22 were received. Quotas for 7.2 tonnes of CFC-12 and all of the HCFC-22 were approved for importers.
- 9. Activities for maintaining Mongolia's compliance with the provisions of the Montreal Protocol include:
 - Continued operation of the national ozone unit and its coordinating and monitoring role.

- Review and update of various regulations, including instituting import bans at appropriate time.
- Active participation in the Swedish bilateral project for South Asia and South East Asia and Pacific (SEAP) regions for prevention of illegal trade.
- Annual review of the national action plan of the country programme update.
- Ratification of the Beijing Amendment.
- Update of the refrigerant management plan in 2007.

<u>Appendices</u>

10. Seven appendices attached to the country programme update provide a list of relevant laws and regulations, the management structure of ODS control in the country and detailed tables on the performance of thirteen CFC-12 recovery and recycling centres, a list of 57 pieces of CFC-based equipment in the country and their refrigerant needs and the locations and refrigerant use profile of over 70 commercial and industrial refrigeration equipment installations.
