

## **Checklist for Commercial Kitchen Operators: Preparing for Refrigerant Changes**

Use this quick checklist to make sure your kitchen, facility, or operation stays compliant and ready for future refrigerant regulations.

### **1. Identify Your Current Refrigerant Types**

- ☐ List every piece of refrigeration equipment
- ☐ Note the refrigerant type used (R-404A, R-410A, R-134a, etc.)
- ☐ Record each refrigerant's GWP value
- ☐ Flag any units using high-GWP refrigerants

### **2. Evaluate Equipment Age & Condition**

- ☐ Document installation year for each unit
- ☐ Identify equipment nearing end-of-life
- ☐ Check maintenance logs for recurring failures
- ☐ Review whether parts/refrigerant remain readily available

### **3. Check Upcoming Compliance Deadlines**

- ☐ Confirm if your equipment type is included in the EPA's proposed rule
- ☐ Review relevant deadlines for manufacturing, installation, and usage
- ☐ Track potential deadline extensions or clarifications from EPA

### **4. Review Manufacturer Transition Plans**

- ☐ Visit manufacturer pages or contact reps for refrigerant updates
- ☐ Confirm if your models are being redesigned for low-GWP refrigerants
- ☐ Identify upcoming model replacements and potential supply gaps
- ☐ Ask about recommended low-GWP alternatives (R-290, R-448A, R-455A, etc.)

### **5. Assess Future Service & Maintenance Risks**

- ☐ Determine if technicians in your region support low-GWP refrigerants
- ☐ Evaluate the long-term cost and availability of your current refrigerant
- ☐ Identify systems likely to face increased service costs

### **6. Plan for Equipment Replacement or Upgrades**

- ☐ Prioritize high-GWP or aging units for replacement
- ☐ Budget for future equipment transitions
- ☐ Consider low-GWP systems for new projects and remodels
- ☐ Explore incentives or rebates for energy-efficient or low-GWP units

## **7. Update Internal Procurement Requirements**

- ☐ Add refrigerant type to purchasing specifications
- ☐ Require vendors to disclose GWP values
- ☐ Verify that sales reps provide compliant model options
- ☐ Include refrigerant compliance as a bid evaluation factor

## **8. Train Staff on New Refrigerant Standards**

- ☐ Provide basic refrigerant awareness training
- ☐ Update SOPs for equipment inspection and basic troubleshooting
- ☐ Ensure staff know the risks of mixing or incorrectly replacing refrigerants

## **9. Maintain Documentation**

- ☐ Keep records of all refrigerants used on-site
- ☐ Save equipment data plates and spec sheets
- ☐ Document changes, retrofits, or refrigerant conversions
- ☐ Maintain EPA or local compliance paperwork

## **10. Partner With a Trusted Equipment Expert**

- ☐ Engage Aldevra early for equipment planning
- ☐ Request help evaluating low-GWP options
- ☐ Schedule installation aligned with compliance timelines
- ☐ Use Aldevra for procurement, installation, and long-term support