

## Regarding the press release from Environmental Action Germany (DUH).

In a press release, the German environmental organisation DUH claims that several countries, including Sweden, are failing to handle refrigeration appliances in accordance with the EU directive on producer responsibility. In this press release, the organisation argues that the requirements for handling refrigeration appliances in the EU should be harmonized through standards. The press release further claims that El-Kretsen fails to handle hydrocarbon-based coolants from refrigeration appliances correctly, with the result that such hydrocarbons are released into the atmosphere. In view of this press release, we wish to make clear that this information is totally wrong. El-Kretsen only delivers refrigeration appliances to contracted facilities, all of which comply with Swedish legislation. This legislation includes a requirement that in order to be disposed of correctly and safely, all coolants - including both chlorofluorocarbons and hydrocarbons - must be treated in closed systems.

El-Kretsen has already chosen to implement the very treatment standard advocated by the press release (the EN 50625 series) in its agreements with recycling facilities that handle refrigeration appliances. These facilities are now undergoing a certification process and all parties involved will be certified by the end of June 2019.

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