

# **REPORT**

Training Workshop for Customs Officers  
On  
“The Monitoring and Control of ODSs and ODS-Dependent Equipment”

Customs House  
Belize City  
Belize  
19<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

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In October, 2008, the National Ozone Unit in the Department of the Environment held phase I of the Customs Training Programme as highlighted in component 2 of the Terminal Phase-out Management Plan (TPMP). Phase I included a 4-days Trainer-the-Trainers workshop for Customs Officers in which 4 Customs Officers were selected to serve as trainers, along with the NOU, for Phase II of the training programme in which one-day training sessions will be held for the rest of officers in the Customs Department.

As a follow-up to the trainer-the-trainers workshop held last year, the NOU along with the Customs Department organized a one-day training session with the purpose of training and sensitizing one-stripe Customs Officers in the monitoring and control of ozone depleting substances and ODS-dependent equipment on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2009, at the Customs Conference Room, Customs House, Belize City.

The main objectives of the workshop were to provide Customs Officers awareness of ozone layer depletion issues and impacts of ozone layer depletion; to familiarize participants with the different types of ODS being used and for which applications; to familiarize them with the Montreal Protocol Compliance mandates, and phase-out schedules of the Montreal Protocol; and to provide an overview of the ODS legislation and import / export licensing system.

A one-day agenda was developed at the trainer-the-trainers workshop last year which was used for this training session. The agenda included both theory sessions and a practical session on how to use the refrigerant identifiers. The sessions were very interactive with lots of discussions that made it clear to the participants what role they play in monitoring in the ODS trade and protecting the environment. The agenda also included videos about what is the ozone layer and about illegal CFC trade.

Twenty two (22) customs officers participated at the workshop. The participants were very interested in the workshop. As mentioned, it was very interactive, since many questions and comments were voiced during the course of the training especially during the practical session.

The overall evaluation of training workshop participation was very good. All participants that completed the training returned the evaluation questionnaire. All evaluation sheets reveal that candidates were satisfied with the training received giving an overall mark of 4, (5 being the top mark of excellent).

Facilitator:

1. Mr. Leonides Sosa, National Ozone Officer, Department of the Environment,

Lecturers/Trainers:

1. Mr. Anthony Bell, Technician, Private Sector
2. Mr. Richard Garbutt – Customs Officer
3. Mr. Efrain Phillip – Customs Officer

Comments made by participants on evaluation sheet:

1. A follow up workshop will better facilitate us with more general knowledge.
2. Interesting, didn't realized the serious of the problem.
3. The workshop was very interesting as it opened my eyes to the importance of my role as a frontline personnel in protecting the place where we live.
4. The presenters presented in a way that made it interesting and fun.
5. It should be passed on to the general public so they could be aware.
6. It is very important that DOE and Customs Department to work very closely with each other for the benefit of the world and nation for future generations.
7. The lectures were very good since it gave me personally a more open idea of the great role we perform as customs officers in the protection of the ozone layer.
8. I liked the cartoon its useful in educating kids so that they can make a difference in the future.
9. The workshop opened my eyes to many new things that I was not aware of. I believe that what I have learned about the environment will help me to protect it better.
10. Workshop was very informative to us because we are the frontliners of the country and we should be aware on these types of substances as to protect ourselves, family, friends, and nation.
11. Was very effective in making me realize the importance of the subject. Learnt new things, eg. Rolling of the butane gas cylinders. Had fun, wasn't boring, looking for updates.
12. The workshop was relevant to me and I hope the presentations will be an ongoing activity. The visual was excellent.



Practical Exercise



Theory Session

Phase 2

Training for Customs on the Meeting and Controlling of Ozone Depleting Substances and ODS-  
dependent Equipment  
Customs Conference Room  
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