

# What kind of permit do I need to order an ozone-depleting substance?



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## Answer:

[Regulation \(EC\) No 1005/2009](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council prohibits the use of ozone-depleting substances (ODSs) within the EU. However, exemptions from this ban are granted under certain conditions for laboratory and analytical uses.

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