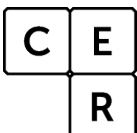
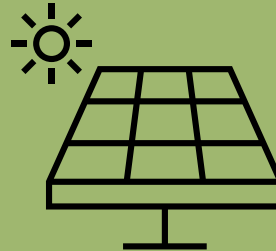
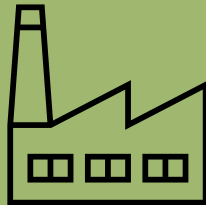
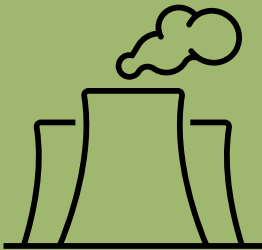


Reporting hydrofluorocarbons and sulphur hexafluoride gases guideline

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Definitions and Abbreviations

Term	Meaning
CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
CO ₂ -e	Carbon dioxide equivalence
EERS	The Clean Energy Regulator's Emissions and Energy Reporting System which is used for NGER Reporting
Facility	Has the meaning given by section 9 of the NGER Act. For more information on defining a facility under the NGER scheme, see What is a Facility ¹
GWP	Global Warming Potential is defined by the UNFCCC as an index representing the combined effect of the differing times greenhouse gases remain in the atmosphere and their relative effectiveness in absorbing outgoing infrared radiation.
HFC	Hydrofluorocarbon
Listed HFC	Any of the hydrofluorocarbons listed in section 7A (2) of the NGER Act and 2.02 of the NGER Regulations. These are listed in Table 1 of this guideline.
NGER	National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting
NGER Act	<i>National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007</i>
NGER Legislation	NGER Act, NGER Regulations, NGER Measurement Determination
NGER Measurement Determination	National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Measurement) Determination 2008
NGER Regulations	National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Regulations 2008
Refrigerant charge	The total volume of gas contained within the equipment.
Scope 1 emissions	Means the release of greenhouse gas into the atmosphere as a direct result of an activity or series of activities (including ancillary activities) that constitute the facility.
SF ₆	Sulphur hexafluoride
Stock	The total gas contained in the equipment from the gases listed in section 7A of the NGER Act (or 2.02 of the NGER Regulations) measured in t CO ₂ -e.

¹ <https://cer.gov.au/schemes/national-greenhouse-and-energy-reporting-scheme/assess-your-obligations#n3-1>



t CO₂-e

Tonnes carbon dioxide equivalence

Please refer to Division 2 of the NGER Act, 1.03 of the NGER Regulations and Division 1.1.2 of the NGER Measurement Determination for defined terms in NGER legislation.



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² <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2007A00175>

³ <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/F2008L0223>

⁴ <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/F2008L02309>

⁵ <https://cer.gov.au/schemes/national-greenhouse-and-energy-reporting-scheme>



2023–24 updates

Changes in this document for the 2023–24 reporting year:

- Minor edits, corrections, and formatting changes have been made to this document
- Section 3: clarified hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) reporting requirements and added general rules for reporting hydrofluorocarbons
- Section 4 was removed from the 2023 guideline. The examples were replaced with examples in Appendix A – Examples for hydrofluorocarbon reporting requirements
- Section 6: inserted steps to enter data into the Emissions and Energy Reporting System (EERS) for HFCs and SF₆ for Method 1.

Read about the [changes to the NGER Legislation for the 2023–24 reporting period](#)⁶.

1. Available methods for reporting hydrofluorocarbons and sulphur hexafluoride

Methods available for estimating emissions from hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) and sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆) gases are listed in the below table:

Method	Hydrofluorocarbons	Sulphur hexafluoride
1	Section 4.102 of the NGER Measurement Determination	Section 4.102 of the NGER Measurement Determination
2	Section 4.103 of the NGER Measurement Determination	Section 4.103 of the NGER Measurement Determination
3	Section 4.104(1) of the NGER Measurement Determination	Section 4.104(2) of the NGER Measurement Determination
4	Not available	Not available
Incidental	A method consistent with Section 1.13 of the NGER Measurement Determination	A method consistent with Section 1.13 of the NGER Measurement Determination

See the [Aggregated facility reporting, percentage estimates and incidental emissions and energy guideline](#)⁷ for more information about the incidental method.

⁶ <https://cer.gov.au/schemes/national-greenhouse-and-energy-reporting-scheme/report-emissions-and-energy/amendments>

⁷ https://cer.gov.au/document_page/guidance-aggregated-facility-reporting-percentage-estimates-and-incidental-emissions-and-energy

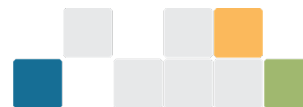


If you are using Method 2 or 3 to estimate emissions of HFC or SF₆ gases from a reportable activity, and the resulting amount of emissions estimated is zero (0 t CO₂-e), you still must report the activity and enter zero as the emissions quantity in EERS. This is required to ensure your NGER submission meets section 1.13(d) of the NGER Measurement Determination.

Methods 1 to 3 require the quantity of emitted gas to be converted from mass (in metric tonnes) to tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalence (t CO₂-e). This is done by multiplying the mass of a gas (tonnes) by its global warming potential (GWP). The value of the relevant GWPs listed in Table 1 below, and specified in 2.02 of the NGER Regulations, must be used for determining the CO₂-e for HFCs and SF₆. The GWP figures represent the findings published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in its Fifth Assessment Report.

Table 1: Global warming potentials as per 2.02 of the NGER Regulations.

Greenhouse gas	Chemical formula	Global Warming Potential (GWP)
Sulphur hexafluoride	SF ₆	23,500
HFC-23	CHF ₃	12,400
HFC-32	CH ₂ F ₂	677
HFC-41	CH ₃ F	116
HFC-43-10mee	C ₅ H ₂ F ₁₀	1,650
HFC-125	C ₂ HF ₅	3,170
HFC-134	C ₂ H ₂ F ₄ (CHF ₂ CHF ₂)	1,120
HFC-134a	C ₂ H ₂ F ₄ (CH ₂ FCF ₃)	1,300
HFC-143	C ₂ H ₃ F ₃ (CHF ₂ CH ₂ F)	328
HFC-143a	C ₂ H ₃ F ₃ (CF ₃ CH ₃)	4,800
HFC-152a	C ₂ H ₄ F ₂ (CH ₃ CHF ₂)	138
HFC-227ea	C ₃ HF ₇	3,350
HFC-236fa	C ₃ H ₂ F ₆	8,060
HFC-245ca	C ₃ H ₃ F ₅	716



2. Hydrofluorocarbons and sulphur hexafluoride reporting thresholds

Section 4.101 of the NGER Determination details the thresholds for reporting synthetic gas generation activities for emission of hydrofluorocarbons and sulphur hexafluoride gases.

Table 2: Hydrofluorocarbons and sulphur hexafluoride reporting thresholds.

Item	Provision in NGER Determination	Threshold
Hydrofluorocarbons	Subparagraph 4.100(1)(a)(ii)	100 kilograms of refrigerants for each unit from use of commercial air conditioning, commercial refrigeration, and industrial refrigeration
SF₆	Subsection 4.100(2)	Any emission from insulated switch gear and circuit breaker applications

3. Hydrofluorocarbons reporting requirements

3.1 ANZSIC industry classification

According to section 4.100(1)(b) of the NGER Measurement Determination, only registered corporations with operational control over a facility with the principal activity attributed to any of the following ANZSIC industry classifications must report synthetic gas generating activities for emissions from hydrofluorocarbons:

- food product manufacturing (ANZSIC classification, Subdivision 11)
- beverage and tobacco product manufacturing (ANZSIC classification, Subdivision 12)
- retail trade (ANZSIC classification, Division G)
- warehousing and storage services (ANZSIC classification number 530)
- wholesale trade (ANZSIC classification, Division F)
- rental, hiring and real estate services (ANZSIC classification, Division L).

If the principal activity of your facility is not attributed to one of the above ANZSIC industry classifications, then you are not required to report stock or emissions of hydrofluorocarbons.

3.2 Equipment type

Synthetic gas generating activities for emissions of hydrofluorocarbons are activities of the facility that emit hydrofluorocarbons from the use of the following equipment as specified in 4.16(1)(a) to 4.16(1)(c) of the NGER Regulations:

- commercial air conditioning
- commercial refrigeration
- industrial refrigeration.



If you do not use the above equipment in your facility, then you are not required to report stock or emissions of hydrofluorocarbons.

3.3 Refrigerant charge and global warming potential thresholds

A facility with a principal activity that is attributable to any one of the ANZSIC industry classifications mentioned in section 3.1 of this guidance must report the emissions of HFCs from the use of equipment listed in section 3.2 of this guideline when both of the following thresholds are met:

- The equipment contains a refrigerant charge of more than 100 kilograms (kg) of refrigerants for each unit (section 4.100(1)(a)(ii) NGER Measurement Determination).

In this context, the term 'charge' refers to the total volume of the gas contained within the equipment.

The gas contained in the unit may be a single refrigerant (for example, R-32) or a refrigerant blend (for example, R-410A).

- The refrigerant is a greenhouse gas with a GWP of more than 1000 [2.02 of the NGER Regulations and 4.100 (1)(a)(iii) of the NGER Measurement Determination section].

This **threshold** is met if the refrigerant gas contained in the unit is composed of at least one 'listed HFC' that has a GWP greater than 1000.

A listed HFC is a greenhouse gas listed in section 7A (2) of NGER Act (or 2.02 of the NGER Regulations).

3.4 General rules for reporting hydrofluorocarbons

If the conditions outlined in section 3.1 to 3.3 of this guideline are met, then the following rules should be applied when reporting stock and emissions of HFCs:

- Only emissions of 'listed HFCs' are required to be reported. There are 13 HFCs that are required to be reported under NGER Legislation as shown in Table 1.
- Emissions of any non-listed HFCs (those that are not listed in subsection 7A(2) of the NGER Act) are not required to be reported.
- If a refrigerant is composed of single gas type with a GWP less than or equal to 1000 (for example, R-32) then emissions of this HFC are not required to be reported.
- If a refrigerant blend contains one or more listed HFCs with a GWP greater than 1000, then emissions of all listed HFCs in the refrigerant blend are required to be reported. This includes listed HFCs with a GWP less than or equal to 1000. Non-listed HFCs are not required to be reported.
- You need to create separate activities in EERS for each applicable equipment type listed in section 3.2 of this guideline.



Read '[Appendix A – Examples for hydrofluorocarbon reporting requirements](#)' for more information on how to report stock and emissions of HFCs.

4. Reporting sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆) gases

All emissions of sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆) are reportable from the operation of facilities across all industry sectors (NGER Measurement Determination sections 4.100 and 4.101), when any of the activities of the facility require the use of gas insulated switch gear and circuit breaker applications (paragraph 4.16 (1)(d) of the NGER Regulations).

5. Is R-22 a reportable gas?

R-22 is not listed in 2.02 of the NGER Regulations and is not a reportable gas under the NGER Scheme.

6. Entering data into EERS

Using Method 1

The estimation of emissions of HFC and SF₆ gases using Method 1 is performed using the equation listed within section 4.102 of the NGER Measurement Determination.

Follow these steps to enter the required data into the EERS for Method 1:

1. Determine the mass of HFC or SF₆ in the relevant equipment, measured in tonnes.
2. Multiply the mass of gas (tonnes) by the GWP value of the gas (2.02 of the NGER Regulations) to determine the stock in carbon dioxide equivalence (CO₂-e) tonnes.
3. Enter the stock of gas in tonnes CO₂-e into EERS in the 'Gas contained in equipment (tCO₂-e)' field.
4. Press the 'calculate' button.
5. EERS then will apply the applicable leakage rate to obtain the emissions in t CO₂-e.

For example, if the equipment used for commercial refrigeration contains 7.2048 tonnes of HFC-143a, which has a GWP of 4800 (2.02 of the NGER Regulations), then the calculation of stock of CO₂-e is:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Stock (HFC)} &= \text{mass of HFC (tonnes)} \times \text{GWP} \\ &= 7.2048 \times 4800 \\ &= 34,583 \text{ t CO}_2\text{-e}\end{aligned}$$

Enter the 34,583 tonnes stock CO₂-e in the EERS data entry screen shown in Figure 1 below.



Figure 1: EERS data entry screen for Method 1 (emissions of HFC from commercial refrigeration).

Activity Attributes ?

* Asterisk indicates a mandatory field

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Activity Description

Source Category *

Source *

Activity *

State *

Incidental Emissions

Scope 1 (tCO₂-e)

Hydro fluoro carbons

Method *

Gas contained in equipment (tCO₂-e)

Result

Hide Corporate Structure

The data input in EERS is very similar for SF₆.

Read [Appendix A – Examples for hydrofluorocarbon reporting requirements](#) when calculating the stock of HFCs where more than one HFC is contained in a refrigerant blend.

Using Method 2

The estimation of emissions of HFC and SF₆ gases using Method 2 is performed using a mass balance calculation. Until the 2020–21 reporting year, the method was described in Appendix A of the ENA Industry Guideline for SF₆ Management - ENA DOC 022-2008 (ENA Industry Guideline). From 2022–23 onwards, the method is described in section 4.103 of the NGER Measurement Determination.

The mass balance calculation uses the opening stock of gas, transfers into the facility from additions of gas from purchases of new equipment, and replenishments and transfers out of the facility from disposal of equipment or gas. Stock of gas may be estimated from the nameplate capacities of the relevant cylinders or equipment.

The method described in section 4.103 of the NGER Measurement Determination is based on the following:

Storage at the beginning of the year, in kg, minus

Storage at the end of the year, in kg, plus



‘Storage’ means all equipment, cylinders and other containers which hold HFCs or SF₆ not in use and which meet the requirements of Section 4.100 and 4.101 of the NGER Measurement Determination.

Additions (from purchases, including inside equipment, and returned to site after recycling), in kg, minus

Subtractions (from sales, returns to suppliers, destructions and recycling), in kg, minus

Changes to nameplate capacity (taking into account new and retiring equipment), in kg.

A separate mass balance calculation should be conducted for each type of reportable greenhouse gas, with the estimated emissions converted into CO₂-e using the GWP for the relevant gas. When entering your estimation into EERS for SF₆ activities, you will be prompted to include the total quantity of gas contained in the equipment (stock) in t CO₂-e. Once all fields are completed, press the ‘Calculate’ button to display the estimated emissions. This is shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2: Method 2 sulphur hexafluoride EERS data entry screen.

For HFCs, only the ‘Emissions released during the year (CO₂-e tonnes)’ field needs to be completed in EERS.

Using Method 3

Alternatively, emissions may be estimated from data on replenishments of HFC and SF₆ gases in equipment as a proxy for leakage and using an assumption that the stock levels of gases within the equipment are maintained at constant levels to maintain constant operating efficiency levels. Method 3 uses this aggregate loss estimation approach to estimate emissions. Until the 2021–22 reporting year, the required approach was described in the table in Appendix B of the ENA Industry Guidelines. From 2022–23 onwards, the required approach is described in section 4.104 of the NGER Measurement Determination

The aggregate loss at emissions source accounting method described in section 4.104 of the NGER Measurement Determination includes, but is not limited to, the following potential loss vectors:

- top up of gas for leaking equipment
- complete loss of containment of equipment
- losses during filling of new (or refurbished) equipment



- complete loss of containment of cylinders
- leakage of gas from cylinders
- losses during decanting between cylinders
- losses during manual handling including handling equipment failure or accidental venting
- leakage from equipment spares in storage
- leakage from decommissioned equipment awaiting disposal
- determinations of gas loss from sealed equipment at point of disposal
- losses during reprocessing, recycling or rebottling of gas
- losses due to gas sampling and analysis.

This list may not include all the point sources of losses for both HFCs and SF₆ and may be modified to include more point sources where they have been identified by the reporter.

Note the total annual loss of each type of gas should be converted into CO₂-e using the relevant GWP.

‘Storage’ means all equipment, cylinders and other containers which hold HFCs or SF₆ not in use and which meet the requirements of Section 4.100 and 4.101 of the NGER Measurement Determination.

When entering your estimation into EERS for SF₆ activities, you will be prompted to include the total quantity of gas contained in the equipment (stock) in t CO₂-e. Once all fields are completed, press the ‘Calculate’ button to display the estimated emissions. This is shown in Figure 3.

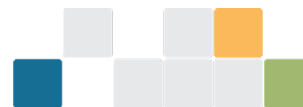
Figure 3: Method 3 sulphur hexafluoride EERS data entry screen

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For HFCs, only the ‘Emissions released during the year (CO₂-e tonnes)’ field needs to be completed in EERS.

7. Using incidental reporting provisions

Subsection 4.98(2) of the NGER Measurement Determination allows for estimates of emissions to be made using the incidental reporting provisions available within 4.27 of the NGER Regulations, provided that the



method used is consistent with the principles set out in section 1.13 of the NGER Measurement Determination. See the [Aggregated facility reporting, percentage estimates and incidental emissions and energy guideline](#)⁸ for more information.

8. More information and references

This guideline has been provided by CER to assist in the consistent accounting and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption and energy production using the NGER Legislation.

More information

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References

See [NGER Reporting Guides](#)⁹ for information on:

- defining a facility
- methods and measurement criteria
- reporting energy production and consumption
- reporting blended fuels, other fuel mixes, bitumen, and explosives guideline
- petroleum-based oils and greases
- reporting uncertainty.

⁸ https://cer.gov.au/document_page/guidance-aggregated-facility-reporting-percentage-estimates-and-incident-emissions-and-energy

⁹ <https://cer.gov.au/schemes/national-greenhouse-and-energy-reporting-scheme/report-emissions-and-energy/nger-reporting-guides>



Appendix A – Examples for hydrofluorocarbon reporting requirements

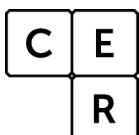
Provided the conditions listed in section 3.1 to 3.3 of this guideline are met then emissions of HFCs should be reported as shown in Table 3.

Please note that the following terms are defined in the [Definitions and Abbreviations](#) table:

- GWP
- listed HFC
- stock.

Table 3: Example of HFC reporting under the NGER Scheme

Example	Refrigerant	Composition	Which HFCs must be reported and why
A	R-143A	100% R-143A (GWP = 4,800)	R-143A R-143A is a listed HFC with a GWP greater than 1000, therefore stock and emissions of R-143A are required to be reported.
B	R-22	100% R-22	Not reportable R-22 is not a listed HFC and therefore does not need to be reported.
C	R-410A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50% R-32 (GWP = 677)• 50% R-125 (GWP = 3170)	R-32 and R-125 R-410A contains at least one listed HFC with a GWP greater than 1000, so stock and emissions from all listed HFCs must be reported. R-32 and R-125 are both listed HFCs.
D	R-407C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 23% R-32 (GWP = 677)• 25% R-125 (GWP = 3,170)• 52% R-134A (GWP 1,300)	R-32, R-125 and R-134A R-407C contains at least one listed HFC with a GWP greater than 1000, so stock and emissions from all listed HFCs must be reported. R-32, R-125 and R-134a are listed HFCs.
E	R-32	100% R-32 (GWP = 677)	Not reportable The refrigerant does not contain a listed HFC with a GWP greater than 1000. R-32 is a listed HFC, but its GWP is less than or equal to 1000.





F	<p>HCFC-402A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38% HCFC-22 (GWP = 1760) • 60% HFC-125 (GWP = 3170) • 2% HC-290 (GWP = 3.3) 	<p>HFC-125 only. At least one HFC in the refrigerant blend has a GWP greater than 1000, therefore stock and emissions of all listed HFCs are required to be reported.</p> <p>You are only required to report stock and emissions of listed HFCs. The only listed HFC is HFC-125.</p> <p>Do not report stock or emissions of 'non-listed HFCs' (HCFC-22 and HC-290).</p> <p>How to calculate the stock of HFC-125* Multiply the mass of HFC-125 (tonnes) by its GWP.</p> <p>For example, if equipment contains 7.2048 tonnes of HCFC-402A, then:</p> $\begin{aligned} \text{Stock} &= \text{mass HFC-125 (t)} \times \text{GWP HFC-125} \\ &= 60\% \times \text{mass of HCFC-402A (tonnes)} \times \\ &\quad \text{GWP of HFC-125} \\ &= 0.6 \times 7.2048 \times 3170 \\ &= 13,703 \text{ t CO}_2\text{-e} \end{aligned}$ <p>*Assumes HFC-125 is 60% of HCFC-402A on a mass basis.</p>
G	<p>HFO-513A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 44% HFC-134A (GWP = 1300) • 56% HFO-1234yf (GWP = 1) 	<p>HFC-134A only. At least one HFC in the refrigerant blend has a GWP greater than 1000, therefore stock and emissions of all listed HFCs are required to be reported.</p> <p>You are only required to report stock and emissions of listed HFCs. The only listed HFC is HFC-134A.</p> <p>Do not report stock or emissions of 'non-listed HFCs' (HFO-1234yf).</p> <p>How to calculate the stock of HFC-134A* Multiply the mass of the HFC-134A (tonnes) by its GWP.</p> <p>For example, if equipment contains 7.2048 tonnes of HFO-513A, then:</p> $\begin{aligned} \text{Stock} &= \text{mass HFC-134A (t)} \times \text{GWP HFC-134A} \\ &= 44\% \times \text{mass of HFO-513A (tonnes)} \times \\ &\quad \text{GWP of HFC-134A} \\ &= 0.44 \times 7.2048 \times 1300 \\ &= 4,121 \text{ t CO}_2\text{-e} \end{aligned}$ <p>*Assumes HFC-134A is 44% of HFO-513A on a mass basis.</p>