

**Malaysia To Start Reducing HCFC Import On Jan 1, 2013, Dewan Rakyat Told
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 11 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will start reducing its hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) import quota on Jan 1, 2013, the Dewan Rakyat was told Thursday.

Natural Resources and Environment deputy minister Tan Sri Joseph Kurup said the move was in line with the government's commitment to halt HCFC use and import from 2030 onward.

"It is also pursuant to Malaysia's obligation to the Montreal Protocol on Ozone-Depleting Substances," he said in an oral reply to Datuk Noraini Ahmad (BN-Parit Sulong) during the question and answer session.

HCFCs have a negative effect on the earth's stratospheric ozone layer which protects humans, animals and plants against the harmful ultraviolet-B rays of the sun.

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