



UNEP DTIE OzonAction Programme under the Multilateral Fund



Updated WindowsTM-based Software Available to Support the Phase Out of Ozone Depleting Substances

INFORMATION RELEASE - New Software

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An updated software reference tool known as the OzonAction Information Clearinghouse Diskette Version 5.0 is now available from UNEP DTIE's OzonAction Programme under the Multilateral Fund. This information service assists in the transfer of environmentally-sound "ozone-friendly" technologies and expertise from the companies, organizations and individuals that have experience with successfully phasing out ODS, to their counterparts in developing countries who seek the technology and expertise required for their transition to non-ODS alternatives.

Designed primarily to assist National Ozone Units and industry associations in developing countries with their programmes to phase out ozone depleting substances (ODS), this WindowsTM-based database system provides anyone involved with the phase out of ODS with key technical and policy information in a format that is compact, easily-searchable and user-friendly.

Both the contents and operation of this version of the diskette have been significantly improved over earlier versions in response to the many comments received from target users and notable new features in this version include:

- contact information for the key members of the international ozone protection community in government, industry and industry associations, training institutes, NGOs, research institutes, etc.
- quality reviewed literature abstracts for specific industry sectors;
- the updated version of the Multilateral Fund's Inventory of Approved Projects, Policies, Procedures Guidelines and Criteria;
- the updated, searchable version of the Montreal Protocol Handbook for the International Treaties for the Protection of the Ozone Layer;
- the Multilateral Fund's Country Programme Coversheets;
- full-text, searchable versions of the updated Sourcebooks of Alternative Technologies for the aerosols, foams and specialized solvent uses sectors;
- WindowsTM-based software and a reorganized structure to make it easier to navigate, search, locate and print information; and
- a powerful on-line help feature that explains how to take advantage of all of the features of the new software.

This software tool can assist your ODS phase-out programme by enabling you to:

- learn about technical and policy options through sector-specific literature abstracts;
- benefit from the experience of others who have designed and implemented ODS phase-out programmes and policies in governments, companies, industry associations and NGOs;
- understand the policies and procedures of the Multilateral Fund and its Executive Committee through policy manuals and other guidance;
- identify sources of worldwide expert assistance on the UNEP Technical Options Committees who could assist you with the formulation of ODS phase-out projects, strategies and policies;
- identify the suppliers of alternative technologies, equipment and chemicals throughout the world who can provide you with detailed technical description of their products; and
- respond to queries you receive from ODS users in your country or organization who require detailed information about various ODS phase-out issues.

Operating requirements

The OAIC-DV 5.0 requires an IBM-PC compatible using WindowsTM Version 3.1, 3.11 or 95, with 20 MB of free space on the hard drive, a 3.5" floppy disk drive and 1 MB of RAM.

Distribution policy

The OAIC-DV is provided free-of-charge to National Ozone Units or focal points in all Article 5 countries, as well as select organizations in developed and nonparty developing countries. Additional copies of the diskette are available at cost from UNEP DTIE (in order to defray duplication and dissemination costs). Other persons can download the diskette from the OzonAction Programme's home page on the World Wide Web at <http://www.uneptie.org/ozone/home.html>. The diskette is in the public domain and UNEP DTIE encourages you to copy it and distribute it to others who seek ODS phase-out solutions. Anyone may reproduce and distribute the OAIC-DV, as long as UNEP DTIE is cited as the source.

The OAIC-DV is part of the information exchange services provided by UNEP to developing countries to help them meet their obligations under the Montreal Protocol. The OzonAction Programme also provides other clearinghouse services (Training & Networking of ODS Officers) as well as assistance with the development of national ODS phase out strategies (Country Programmes) and Institutional Strengthening support. For more information, contact: UNEP DTIE OzonAction Programme, Tour Mirabeau, 39-43 quai Andre Citroen, Paris 75739 cedex 15, France or Tel: (33.1) 44.37.14.50, Fax: (33.1)44.37.14.74, e-mail: ozonaction@unep.fr, <http://www.uneptie.org/ozone/home.html>

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