

“Update on the establishment of timeframes for the replacement of Halon in fire suppression systems”

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The 38th Session of the Assembly directed the Council to report to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly on a timeframe for the replacement of halogenated hydrocarbons (halon) in cargo compartment fire suppression systems. The industry has been working to find a viable replacement for halon and to achieve common solutions and realistic timeframes since the production of halon (which has been the main fire extinguishing agent used in civil aircraft fire extinguishing systems), was banned in 1994 with the signing of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. This presentation provides an update on the outcome of the A39 Assembly concerning the proposal to establish a new timeframe for the replacement of halon.