



## **Coalition for Patients with Respiratory Diseases: IPCRG, EFA, HOPE**

### **F Gas: Urgent Call for a Specific Exemption for Critical Use Medical Applications**

Dear Member of the Council,

The Coalition for Patients with Respiratory Diseases calls on Member State Representatives in the Council to include a specific exemption for Medical Applications which are of critical use from the scope of the Regulation. This exemption includes Hydrofluorcarbon-Based Metered-Dose Inhalers (such as inhalers containing the medicines used to treat asthma).

These inhalers continue to be **necessary for the adequate treatment of some people with chronic and long-term respiratory diseases, especially children, elderly people and those seriously ill from these diseases.**

MEPs have already shown their support for this proposal through accepting **Amendment 82** of the Draft Report. This amendment exempts from the Regulation medical applications which are of critical use, where no suitable alternative exists, or where such alternatives cannot be used for technical, economic or safety reasons.

The coalition calls on the Member States to uphold this exemption in order to preserve patient access to these critical life-saving and long-term treatments. We urge you to take the above-mentioned concerns into account and help maintain a range of therapeutic options for all patients, including the most vulnerable ones.

We thank you in advance for your availability and support.

Yours sincerely,

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