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Answer given by Mr Hoekstra
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission agrees that a sufficient supply of switchgear is essential for the electrical power system and the transition to a climate neutral Union.

The prohibitions regarding switchgear in Regulation (EU) 2024/573 on fluorinated greenhouse gases¹ aim to prevent the use of high global warming potential F-gases and where possible replace them with alternatives with no or a global warming potential (GWP) of 1. The mechanism is designed to limit the risk of constraining the supply of switchgear, in those cases where there are less than two bids offering switchgear that meet the GWP requirements.

To facilitate the implementation of this mechanism, the Commission has made available a document with frequently asked questions and answers². The Commission does not consider that a simplification is relevant in this case and will continue to support an effective implementation of this mechanism.

The Commission will also monitor over time, without specific end-date, the progress in the implementation of the F-gas Regulation and the market developments in the switchgear sector, in close cooperation with the sector. The Commission will act, if it is deemed appropriate.

¹ OJ L, 2024/573, 20.2.2024, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/573/oj>.

² https://climate.ec.europa.eu/document/download/cfe52d31-9203-435d-b043-62f74900fd96_en?filename=policy_f-gases_stakeholders_switchgear_faq_en.pdf.