



## ***ICARHMA POLICY STATEMENT***

### **Responsible Equipment Management**

Members of the International Council of Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration, and Heating Manufacturers' Associations (ICARHMA) strongly support voluntary responsible management of air-conditioning, refrigeration, and heating equipment. Manufacturers world-wide already participate in various forms of voluntary equipment recycling programs, and in some countries, as much as 85% of air-conditioning, refrigeration, and heating equipment is recycled or reused, with less than 7% going to the landfill. Council members encourage the following voluntary actions to increase equipment recycling:

- Consider during the design phase, the use of materials that are easily recyclable.
- Encourage installers to adopt responsible equipment management guidelines:
  - Recover refrigerant oils from retired equipment
  - Remove retired equipment from the jobsite
  - Transport retired equipment and material to a recycling facility
  - Retain acceptable equipment for future use
  - Ensure that retired equipment is not left with customers
- Inform regional, national, and local government regarding industry's voluntary recycling efforts.
- Raise awareness with other industry members, equipment owners and the public about the appropriate environmental practices when replacing or decommissioning HVACR equipment.

ICARHMA is an organization of associations representing manufacturers of air-conditioning, refrigeration, and heating equipment in their respective countries. The Council, which currently includes members from Brazil, Canada, China, Europe, Japan, Korea, and the U.S., serves as a forum for the discussion of issues affecting the global air-conditioning, refrigeration, and heating industry. ICARHMA members provide a valuable contribution to the global economy and to consumers world-wide.