

Food Technologies and Practices to Reduce the Energy Inputs into the Refrigeration of Food

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- UK Food Production Industry generated £54.2bn revenue in 2006 (2.7% inc on 2005). Projections for 2011 are £61.9bn
- Consumed 34,173 GWh in 2006; 14% of total energy consumption across all industries, producing 9.1 MTCO2
- ~ 10% of all industrial use of the public water supply
- ~ 10% of the industrial and commercial waste stream
- ~ 25% of all HGV vehicle kilometres in the UK
- ~ 12.5% of the UK's workforce
- Recent moves towards an integrated approach in supply chain (field to plate), driven by retailers
- Heavily regulated sector
- Production
- Safety
- Emissions Trading (EUETS)
- Pollution (IPPC)
- Health & Nutrition

UK Food Retail Overview



- The UK industry generated £122.8 billion in revenue in 2006, (3.4% inc from previous year. This growth can be attributed to the growing demand for luxury items, supermarket premium brands and sales of typically higher priced organic and health products.
- The industry is expected to continue with a similar growth pattern over the next 5 years, with an expected industry value of £143.3 billion by the end of 2011. Supermarkets generate 66.5% of the UK food retail industry revenue.
- In terms of energy use, the UK food retail industry is estimated to emit 9.2 MtC02 annually. Refrigeration accounts for some 60% of electricity consumption.
- Regulation
- The Food Safety Act 1990;
- The General Food Law (EC) 178/2002;
- The General Food Regulation 2004;
- Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point;
- The Food Hygiene Regulation;
- The Food Standards Act 1999;

Energy use in refrigeration



- Refrigeration is one of the largest electricity users in UK (15% to 20% of all electricity)
- In many organisations it is the largest single energy user
- Direct GHG emissions from refrigerants
- Refrigeration used widely across the sector
 - Agriculture (e.g. milk cooling)
 - Production (e.g. chilled & frozen products)
 - Retail (e.g. refrigerated storage, air-conditioning)
 - Buildings (e.g. air-conditioning)
 - Transport (e.g. refrigerated lorries; mobile airconditioning)

Government initiatives



- Regulation
 - ODS (2000)
 - F-Gas (2007) Revised (2009)
 - <u>www.defra.gov.uk/fgas</u>
- Kyoto Protocol (HFCs)
- Montreal Protocol (HCFCs phase out)
- R22 phase out imminent
- F-Gas Support
- Opportunity for companies and refrigeration industry to influence future regulatory drafts by acting now
- Introduction of CRC

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Our mission is to accelerate the move to a low carbon economy by helping organisations reduce their carbon emissions and develop commercial low carbon technologies

We do this by being a catalyst for low carbon enterprise:



Insights

Explaining the lowcarbon economy



Solutions

Delivering carbon savings for organisations



Innovations

Developing new low-carbon technologies



Enterprises

Creating new low-carbon businesses



Investments

Financing lowcarbon businesses



Carbon Trust involvement in refrigeration sector



- IoR Real ZERO leakage reduction
- BFFF Carbon Savings in the Cold Chain
- BSRIA Cold Cabinets
- FDF Refrigeration Emissions Reduction in the Food Industry
- IoR Refrigeration System Efficiency Toolkit
- CSDF Reducing Carbon Emission in Cold Storage

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- Carbon Label
- Carbon Trust Standard
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- Web / Publications

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