

# EPA RULING SUMMARY

The EPA has updated the Technology Transitions Rule to adjust implementation timing for certain light commercial HVAC equipment. The primary change removes the 2026 installation deadline for R-410A systems, allowing installation of system components manufactured prior to 1/1/205 indefinitely. This provides flexibility to use systems components that were certified and manufactured prior to 1/1/2025 but does not change the broader transition for HVAC equipment. R-410A equipment manufacturing ended in 2025, and all new systems continue to move to lower-GWP refrigerants.

The chart below summarizes the original and updated requirements by equipment type.

		ORIGINAL EPA RULE	UPDATED EPA RULE (2026)
<b>RTUS (PRODUCTS)</b>	Manufacturing Sell through	Ends Jan 1, 2025 3 Year sell through to Jan. 1, 2028	No changes
<b>SPLITS (SYSTEMS)</b>	Manufacturing Sell through Installation	Ends Jan 1, 2025 Install by Jan 1, 2026 Install by Jan 1, 2026	No changes Indefinite Indefinite
<b>SPLITS (SERVICE COMPONENTS)</b>	Manufacturing Sell through Installation	Indefinite Indefinite Indefinite for service	No changes

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHAT CHANGED WITH THE NEW EPA RULE?

The EPA removed the January 1, 2026 installation deadline for certain R-410A systems, allowing systems certified and manufactured prior to Jan. 1, 2025 to be installed indefinitely.

### DOES THIS DELAY THE REFRIGERANT TRANSITION?

No. The overall transition remains unchanged. New equipment moved to low-GWP refrigerants beginning January 1, 2025, and R-410A production has ended.

### CAN R-410A SPLIT SYSTEMS BE INSTALLED INDEFINITELY?

No. While there is no longer a fixed deadline, installations are limited to systems that were certified and manufactured prior to Jan. 1, 2025.

### HOW ARE SPLIT SYSTEMS IMPACTED?

The 2026 installation deadline is removed, and systems certified and manufactured before 2025 can now be installed indefinitely as inventory is available.

### HOW ARE ROOFTOP UNITS (RTUS) IMPACTED?

There is no change for Products (RTUs). They continue under the existing sell-through timeline, with sale, distribution and export allowed until Jan. 1, 2028.

### DO INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SPLIT SYSTEMS CHANGE?

No. Split systems must still be installed as complete, matched systems, certified prior to Jan 1, 2025 and in accordance with code and safety requirements.

### CAN NEW R-410A EQUIPMENT STILL BE MANUFACTURED OR PURCHASED?

No. Manufacturing and import of new R-410A equipment ended January 1, 2025. Only existing inventory remains available.

### CAN R-410A COMPONENTS STILL BE USED FOR SERVICE AND REPAIR?

Yes. Components can continue to be manufactured and used for servicing existing systems.

### WHAT SHOULD CUSTOMERS DO NOW?

Customers can use this added flexibility to align project timing and budgets, while continuing to plan long-term investments around low-GWP systems.

### WHAT IS THE LONG-TERM OUTLOOK?

The direction is unchanged. Availability of R-410A will decline over time, and the industry will continue transitioning to low-GWP refrigerants.