Title: **Unico Inc. Statement on Our Product and the New A2L Refrigerants**

The HVAC industry, starting on **January 1, 2025**, will begin the phase-out of R-410A, and begin replacing this refrigerant with A2L refrigerants.

Most outdoor unit manufacturers will be replacing R-410A with either R-32 or R-454B A2L class refrigerants.

While both are energy efficient, it’s Unico’s opinion that R-454B will likely be favored because of its substantially lower global warming potential (GWP).

To make either of these refrigerants fully compatible with Unico’s indoor equipment, our engineering team is developing new expansion valves and sensors for our units to mitigate any potential flammability issues, rare as they may be.

Look for our quarterly update announcements regarding these product changes, which we assure our partners will be complete, available, and widely promoted well before the A2L adoption date.

**What this means for our contracting partners:**

* Existing, installed AHUs

We will be offering upgrade kits for existing units for easy conversion to either of the new refrigerants.

* New AHU stock
* Our goal is to have new product ready to ship by the beginning of the fourth Quarter in 2024.

**What this means for our distribution partners:**

* Existing, in-stock AHUs
* Existing 410-A systems in stock can be sold through the end of 2025.
* Upgrade kits from Unico will be available for easy field conversion. Ratings with A2L outdoor units will be shown with the current model numbers plus the upgrade kit.
* New AHU stock. Blowers and coil modules with the upgraded parts included will have new model numbers TBD.
* Our goal is to have new products ready to ship by the beginning of the fourth Quarter in 2024.

**Further background:**

As our professional partners know, the HVAC industry has continuously sought to reflect and adhere to regulatory and environmental policies with respect to refrigerants. While the industry (including our products) currently favors the use of R-410A, starting on **January 1, 2025**, it will begin to be phased out and replaced by A2L refrigerants. According to their ASHRAE safety classification, A2L refrigerants are characterized by mild flammability, low toxicity, and low global warming potential (GWP).

Since this transition affects the entire industry, not just Unico, building codes are being updated to allow the use of these new refrigerants by the transition date.

However, we’re here to address any questions or concerns you may have.

Please see these links for more industry information on this process:

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Thank you for choosing Unico, Inc. as your trusted partner in home comfort. We look forward to continuing to provide our partners and customers with eco-friendly solutions to ensure the indoor climate provided by our products remains comfortable and sustainable for years to come. If you have any questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Together, we will create a greener and more comfortable future.