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Press Release

LightingEurope Concludes the “*Test Report – Clear, Non-Directional LED Lamps*” is Flawed

- Conclusion of the test report is questionable, partly misleading, and containing incorrect information, with 47% of the test based on non-compliant lamps
- Supporting this report and documents is acting irresponsibly towards the EU community and its consumers
- Confirms that many of the LED lamps in the European market are non-compliant

The Swedish Energy Agency, the Belgian Federal Ministry for Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment, CLASP European Programme, and the European council for an energy-efficient economy (ecee) published the *Test Report – Clear, Non-Directional LED Lamps* on 19 November, 2014 and claims that “LED retrofit lamps overachieve the expectations in the price and performance projection”. However, more than 47% of the tested LED lamps **are not compliant with EU regulations**.

The report claims that ‘LED retrofit lamps overachieve the expectations in the price and performance projection’. However, a thorough check of the report content shows that the conclusion presented is questionable, partly misleading, and containing incorrect information. Moreover, it even proclaims what LightingEurope has outlined for a long time: many of the promoted, highlighted lamps featured in the report violate European requirements, i.e. Regulation EC 1194/2012, so they are illegally placed on the market. Additionally, this flawed information calls into question the competency of the testing laboratory. For example, the halogen lamp (240V) has been wrongly measured with 230V and the public misinformed.

Supporting this report and documents is acting irresponsibly towards the EU community and its consumers!

Says, Diederik de Stoppelaar, Secretary General of LightingEurope, “Since this report is wrong and LEDs cannot yet easily replace all halogen light sources, it further enforces the need to look to 2020 as the earliest phase out date.”

Therefore, LightingEurope continues to recommend 2020 as the earliest phase out for domestic halogen eco lamps.

LightingEurope is an industry association of 33 European lighting manufacturers, national associations, and companies producing materials. LightingEurope members represent over 1,000 European companies, a majority of which are SMEs; a total

workforce of over 100,000 people in Europe; and an annual turnover estimated to exceed 20 billion euros. LightingEurope is dedicated to promoting efficient lighting practices for the benefit of the global environment, human comfort, and the health and safety of consumers.

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