

Press Release

Phase-out of general lighting mercury lamps less than 1 year away

Brussels, 06 September 2022 – We are now less than 1 year away from the restriction of several widely-used mercury-containing lamps in the EU. The 2019 EU eco-design rules for light sources and separate control gears and the 12 RoHS Delegated Directives published in February 2022 will impact the placing on the EU market of compact and linear fluorescent lamps (CFLs and LFLs) for general lighting over the next year.

While EU eco-design rules have already phased-out CFL-i and T2 and T12 LFL lamps last autumn, the RoHS Directive now also restricts the placement on the EU market of CFL.ni and Long-life LFL lamps as of 25 February 2023 as well as of Long-life CFL, T5 and T8 LFL lamps as of 25 August 2023.

Now is the time to work with a lighting expert to review your current lighting and plan your transition to LED lighting systems, that can be combined with sensors and controls to deliver significant energy savings and enable better lighting options.

LightingEurope members are working with customers and authorities to help explain how the two sets of EU rules (eco-design and RoHS) will affect the availability of mercury-containing lamps over the next few months, identify suitable alternatives and plan for the renovation of their lighting installations.

EU timetable of restrictions on mercury lamps for general lighting



Lighting Product	Date of Restriction & Relevant Legislation
CFL - i	1 September 2021 - Ecodesign
CFL - ni	25 February 2023 - RoHS
Long-life CFL	25 August 2023 - RoHS
T2	1 September 2021 - Ecodesign
T5	25 August 2023 - RoHS
T8	25 August 2023 - RoHS
T12	1 September 2021 - Ecodesign
Long-life LFL	25 February 2023 - RoHS

Version March 2022 - Following the publication of the RoHS Delegated Directives in the EU Official Journal on 24 February 2022. Where the same product is impacted by both Eco-design and RoHS, it is the interpretation of the LightingEurope Secretariat that the earliest phaseout date takes precedence and applies.

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