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Press Release

## **LightingEurope Approves 2018 Halogen Phase-out Date**

Brussels -- On 17 April, 2015 The Regulatory Committee convened and voted to delay the domestic halogen lamps ban until 2018. When this legislation comes into effect, consumers will no longer be able to purchase the popular domestic halogen lamps.

While additional time would be helpful in assuring a smooth transition to new technologies, says LightingEurope Secretary General, Diederik de Stoppelaar, "The industry strongly supports—and has for years—the changeover to more energy efficient lighting solutions. While 2020 was the ideal date for a phase-out of the popular domestic halogens, 2018 is an acceptable compromise. What consumers must realize, is that alternative developing technologies take time to be fully realized—and then to subsequently be widely available on the market."

To read the Commission's full vote and regulations, please visit:

<http://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/news/phase-out-inefficient-lamps-postponed-1-september-2018>

LightingEurope is an industry association of 31 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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