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Press Release

New Regulations on Ecodesign and Energy labelling impact Lighting Products – LightingEurope guidelines available

The European Commission has published today Regulation (EU) 2019/2020 on ecodesign requirements for lighting and Regulation (EU) 2019/2015 on energy labelling for lighting which will apply in all EU Member States from September 2021. LightingEurope has prepared guidelines to help companies comply.

The two regulations published today in the Official Journal of the European Union bring major changes for producers and end-users of lighting products.

New in the <u>energy labelling regulation (ELR)</u> are the enlargement of the scope to all light sources placed on the EU market, the rescaling of the energy label for lamps to the well-known energy labelling scale A - G, and the discontinuation of the energy label for luminaires. The ELR also clarifies the new requirements for registering light sources in the EPREL database from May 2021 onwards.

The <u>ecodesign regulation for light sources</u>, also known as the Single Lighting Regulation (SLR) because it combines requirements that today are set out in three separate pieces of legislation, introduces fundamental changes, such as energy efficiency requirements that over the next few years will ban T8 linear fluorescent lamps and compact fluorescent lamps with integrated control gear. Most of the currently remaining halogen lamps continue to be allowed on the EU market. The ecodesign rules also include circular economy requirements, for example on the removability and replaceability of light sources and control gears contained in products.

LightingEurope has worked closely with regulators on both laws and the guidelines build on our experience and outline our recommendations on how the rules should be understood. "The LightingEurope guidelines on the new ecodesign and energy labelling rules are our contribution to make sure that all companies can understand and apply these new and complex rules, and that all authorities can enforce them," states Ourania Georgoutsakou, LightingEurope Secretary General. "LightingEurope has been involved in drafting and debating these laws over the past five years, contributing our industry's technical expertise and market reality. We will now turn our focus to supporting our members, with webinars and separate guidelines on how to comply with EPREL (the EU energy labelling database) obligations and to educating companies from across the world and Europe's market surveillance authorities on how to apply these new rules and deliver quality products for people and a level playing field for the industry," she adds.

The new LightingEurope guidelines are available to view and download here.

About LightingEurope

LightingEurope is the voice of the lighting industry, based in Brussels and representing 34 companies and national associations. Together these members account for over 1,000 European companies, a majority of which are small or medium-sized. They represent a total European workforce of over 100,000 people and an annual turnover exceeding 20 billion euro. LightingEurope is committed to promoting efficient lighting that benefits human comfort, safety and well-being, and the environment. LightingEurope advocates a positive business and regulatory environment to foster fair competition and growth for the European lighting industry. More information is available at www.lightingeurope.org.

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