








Information Sheet - Incandescent Light Bulb Phase-Out

What is Not Allowed

Certain types of “general lighting service” (GLS) light bulbs will not be legal for importation or sale in Australia. They were banned at import from 1 February 2009 and at retail sale from 1 November 2009.

The attributes of disallowed light bulbs are described here ►

These light bulbs are a subset of import codes 8539220032 and 8539220033, which are summarised as *electric metal or carbon filament, gas filled or vacuum, non reflector, GLS lamps, power ≤ 200W, voltage > 100V, (excluding tungsten halogen, ultra-violet, infra-red and sealed beam lamps).*

Attributes of Disallowed GLS Light Bulbs			
Voltage	≥ 220V		
Wattage	≤ 100 Watts (typically 25, 40, 60, 75 and 100 Watts)		
Base	 bayonet	 screw	
Shape (diameter ≥ 50mm)	 pear	 tubular	 mushroom
Finish	 clear		 frosted
Filament	conventional filament without “halogen capsule”, see below ▼		



What is Allowed

A new type of low wattage halogen bulb with a small “halogen capsule” at its centre will be allowed.

These bulbs have approximate wattages of 18, 28, 42, 52, 70 and 105Watts. The halogen capsule is clearly visible at the centre of the bulb (for clear finish bulbs) as shown ►

Note. Silvered GLS bulbs, coloured GLS bulbs, candle lamps and fancy round lamps will still be allowed (for the time being) ▼



Halogen Capsule	
Not Allowed	Allowed
<p>no halogen capsule</p> 	<p>halogen capsule</p> 

The following lamps that are not intended for general purpose illumination:

- (a) Lamps intended for traffic signals as outlined in AS 4113.
- (b) Very long life lamps intended for air or sea navigation purposes.
- (c) Lamps with a temperature rating greater than 300°C intended for use in ovens.
- (d) Infra red lamps.
- (e) Reinforced construction (rough use or vibration) lamps.

To be considered special purpose lamps, the packaging and accompanying product information for these lamps need to state clearly and prominently their intended purpose and that they are not intended for general purpose illumination. These requirements are as agreed for the European Union lamp phase out that starts from September 2009.

More Information

Detailed specifications for disallowed GLS lamps are contained in Australian Standard 4934.2 - *Incandescent Lamps for General Lighting Services, Part 2: Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS) Requirements*.