

IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION

**MINIMUM ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR
CERTAIN LIGHTING PRODUCTS**

18 August 2010

Following is a transcription of an email from the Director, Lighting and Equipment Energy Efficiency, Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency to Lighting Council Australia.

The email, dated 18 August 2010, contains important information on regulations affecting the sale of the following lighting products after 1 October 2010:

- candle, fancy round and decorative incandescent lamps with a power consumption greater than 40W;
- mains voltage halogen non-reflectors incandescent lamps (except lamps with a G9 base); and
- extra low voltage halogen reflector lamps.

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From: Slade, Melanie
Sent: Wednesday, 18 August 2010 3:52 PM
To: Bryan Douglas
Subject: MEPS for Mains Voltage Halogen Lamps [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

Bryan,

You asked for clarification about the application of minimum energy performance standards (MEPS) for lighting products.

MEPS are scheduled to come into effect from 1 October 2010 (the exact date in each state and territory will be dependent upon regulatory changes) for:

- candle, fancy round and decorative incandescent lamps with a power consumption greater than 40W;
- mains voltage halogen non-reflectors incandescent lamps (except lamps with a G9 base); and
- extra low voltage halogen reflector lamps.

In most of Australia these products can continue to be sold after 1 October for an unlimited period if the seller can prove that they were imported into Australia before 1 October 2010. However MEPS transition provisions differ in South Australia where it is not an offense to sell unregistered products for a period of 6 months after the proclamation of the relevant regulations in South Australia.

In all cases suppliers should consult with the relevant State regulator for specific details – contacts can be found at: <http://www.energyrating.gov.au/reg.html#contacts>

We understand that the inconsistencies between the state and territory regulations are inconvenient to suppliers but unless we have national MEPS legislation there is nothing we can do to change this situation.

Regards

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