

Lighting Efficiency Regulations – New Public Notice

Illuminations Article

The Australian Government has published an update on the future of lighting efficiency regulation in Australia. The update can be found [here](#) under the section titled **Update – January 2021**.

The position announced remains as per the Lighting Council Australia statement to our Members on this topic 12 months ago. This new announcement simply provides more certainty as to the Government's intentions.

As a reminder, the majority of mains voltage halogen lamps will be phased out 12 months after a Ministerial Determination is finalised. The scope of inclusions is not yet determined and it is still unclear when this Determination will be finalised. Exceptions to the phase out will include:

- Extra low voltage reflector lamps (i.e. MR16 requirements will remain as is)
- Low power decorative lamps (those less than 10W).
- Oven lamps.
- Aeronautical ground lights.
- Aircraft lamps.
- Infrared heat lamps.
- G9 (to be phased out at a later date)

Lamps for specific purposes (e.g. scientific instrument lamps, lava lamps, etc) will need to apply to the GEMS Regulator for an exemption to import.

Further, a LED lamp Determination and LED lamp standard will regulate LED lamps 12 months after that Determination is finalised. This will require LED lamps to be tested and registered before being sold. The LED lamp test method standard (AS/NZS 5341:2021) will likely be published in the coming months.

This will regulate LED lamps imported after the implementation of the Determination. LED lamps that do not comply with the LED Determination and are imported before the implementation date will be able to be sold until stocks are exhausted. Lighting Council Australia will continue to advocate that compliant LEDs imported before the new regulation should not be retrospectively regulated.

David Crossley
National Technical Manager
dcrossley@lightingcouncil.com.au