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Press Release



**The LightingEurope Compliant Lighting Initiative:
“to support a level playing field in Europe”**

Safe and good quality lighting products for consumers in Europe as well as a level playing field and fair competition for the lighting market players are high priorities for LightingEurope. This is why LightingEurope is concerned by the presence on the European market of lighting products that do not comply with applicable mandatory EU Regulations. Non-compliance of products to relevant EU Regulations is seriously hampering European policy goals!

In this context and as a supporting activity to increasing actions from Market Surveillance Authorities in the European member states, LightingEurope has started in 2014 a new industry driven Compliant Lighting Initiative.

Products in the scope of the initiative are LED, CFLi and halogen lamps from producers, importers or other label owners with special attention to the EU Regulations on Ecodesign, Energy Labelling, Low Voltage Directive and Restriction of Hazardous Substances.

The LightingEurope Compliant Lighting Initiative has started in 2014 in the following four EU Member States: Germany, France, The Netherlands and Hungary.

In the framework of this LightingEurope Compliant Lighting Initiative, a significant number of CFLi, halogen and LED lamps - including lamps from members of LightingEurope - are being tested on behalf of LightingEurope by various independent test laboratories in Europe. In case of non-compliance, manufacturers and distributors are being informed of the results with the request to take appropriate action.

Product related allegations raised in the LightingEurope initiative are also communicated to the relevant national market surveillance authorities.

Says Diederik de Stoppelaar, Secretary General of LightingEurope “It is very encouraging to see that so far the program achieved rapid and positive responses from concerned market players including some large retailers in Europe”.

LightingEurope is an industry association of 30 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. More information about LightingEurope is available on our website www.lightingeurope.org.

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