

Changes to Energy Labelling requirements for Luminaires

The legislation governing the energy labelling of lighting products has changed, following the publication of Commission Delegated Regulation 2019/2015 which supplements Regulation (EU) 2017/1369, i.e. the 'Energy Labelling Regulation'.

One significant change outlined in this regulation is the introduction of a new term, namely 'light sources'. This replaces and has a different scope to the term 'lighting products' which previously included 'lamps' (lightbulbs) and 'luminaires'. The effect of the regulation is that, from the date of entry into force, only 'light sources' will require energy labels.

Another change sees the 'rescaling' of the energy efficiency classes from A++ - E to A - G, in line with similar rescaling being applied to energy labelling for other product types.

The majority of changes introduced by this regulation come into effect in September 2021 – however, this regulation also specifies that, from the **25th December 2019**, the requirement to provide an energy label for luminaire products has been repealed.

This means that suppliers (manufacturers or importers) and dealers (retailers) are no longer required to **provide** or **display** an energy label for luminaire products placed on the market from the 25th December 2019. For products placed on the market before the 25th December 2019 that have an energy label, the label can remain on display.

For dealers (retailers), what this means in practice is that 'newer' stock of luminaire products i.e. products placed on the market by suppliers since 25th December 2019 will not be provided with an energy label and there is no requirement to display a label.

For 'existing' stock i.e. stock provided to the retailer before the 25th December 2019, energy labels can continue to be displayed for these luminaires where they may be already affixed to the product or packaging. If energy labels have not been provided, there is no requirement to source labels for display.

While the luminaire label has been repealed by the Energy Labelling Regulation, it may be the case that certain luminaire products, depending on their design and technical parameters, could at a later date come under the definition of a 'light source', meaning that an energy label will be required. This requirement comes into force from September 2021.

SEAI will be undertaking an information campaign with retailers in 2021 to inform them of the upcoming changes in energy labelling across all product types, which will include the requirements for 'light sources'.

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We are happy to provide any assistance to suppliers or dealers in relation to energy labelling.

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