



AGREEMENT ON THE PROMOTION OF EFFICIENT LIGHTING

between

EURELECTRIC,
representing the European electricity industry,
represented by Rafael Miranda, President

EuroCommerce,
representing the retail, wholesale and international trade sectors in Europe,
represented by Xavier R. Durieu, Secretary General

The European Lamp Companies Federation,
representing the leading lamp manufacturers in Europe,
represented by Gerald Strickland, Secretary General

in the presence of the European Commission



Recalling the ambitious objectives in terms of energy savings and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions agreed in the European Council on 9 March 2007;

Recalling that the wide-spread replacement of inefficient light bulbs by highly efficient and reliable compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) can contribute quickly and effectively to the achievement of those objectives, given their clear advantages in terms of energy consumption and life-cycle performance;

Considering that the combined actions of the retail, wholesale and international trade sectors, the producers of CFLs and the electricity industry, with the patronage of the European Commission, could provide a strong impetus for progress towards energy-saving objectives;

Bearing in mind that this initiative will fully take into account the needs for recycling¹ and that the lamps will comply with stringent quality requirements, as set down in the *EcoProfile on CFLi lamps*;

Mindful that, as Associates of the Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign, there will be public recognition of the efforts undertaken by the companies and organisations willing to be involved in this effort;

Conscious that a particular effort will be needed to ensure the effective implementation of legislation imposing minimum performance requirements for light bulbs;

Recognising that the cultural variety within the EU will require solutions adapted to each particular environment and that therefore no single model will be applied to the EU in implementing this Agreement;

Committed to take action to promote the early replacement of inefficient light bulbs as one of the numerous initiatives to tackle climate change;

Bearing in mind that a successful implementation of this agreement will demonstrate recognition of environmental concerns and commitments of EU citizens.

¹ Directive 2002/96/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 2003 on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE)

EURELECTRIC, EuroCommerce and the ELC Federation agree on the following:

1. To jointly launch a European-wide initiative to increase the use of CFLs in households and offices.
2. That the objective of this Agreement is for the aforementioned European Associations to encourage their members to promote and support the distribution of CFLs in European countries, ensuring a guarantee of life duration, energy performance and lighting quality in compliance with the EcoProfile on CFLi lamps.
3. That each of the aforementioned European Associations will:
 - identify the support they can provide their members concerning their involvement in the agreement, for example by sharing good practices between members;
 - ensure the promotion of activities carried out by their members within the framework of the agreement.
4. Those member associations and federations choosing to communicate on their specific actions within the framework of this agreement will, for those actions only, :
 - encourage their members to support the distribution of CFLs, ensuring a guarantee of life duration, energy performance and lighting quality in compliance with the EcoProfile on CFLi lamps;
 - identify the support they can provide their members concerning their involvement in the agreement, for example by sharing good practices between members;
 - ensure the promotion of activities carried out by their members within the framework of the agreement;
 - have the right to claim public recognition of the support of the European Commission.
5. Those member companies choosing to communicate on their specific actions within the framework of this agreement will, for those actions only,
 - ensure that those CFLs distributed under the framework of this agreement comply with the EcoProfile on CFLi lamps, ensuring a guarantee of life duration, energy performance and lighting quality;
 - provide information on energy efficiency at home and/or at the office;
 - share their good practices with their Association;
 - have the right to claim public recognition of the support of the European Commission.
6. Upon request, the member associations:
 - can obtain from the Commission a basic information template on energy efficiency at home and/or at office;
 - facilitate, within the framework of the Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign, the presentation of information from each Association member's scheme, with a view not only to providing recognition and visibility but also to helping potential candidates to join the Agreement in order to compare good practices and different schemes;

7. A public announcement of this agreement will be organised by the Commission. In 2009, a report will be jointly prepared and made public by the parties based on the results of this agreement including a quantitative analysis.
8. No financial transaction or legal liability between the parties is included or can be deduced from the present agreement. This agreement does not constitute an environmental agreement as foreseen by the Commission Communication (2002) 412 final of 17.7.2002 on Environmental Agreements at Community Level within the Framework of the Action Plan on Simplification and Improvement of the Regulatory Environment.
9. The parties agree to submit forthwith the present agreement to the relevant services in DG COMP to discuss the possibility to request informal guidance pursuant to the Commission Notice on informal guidance relating to novel questions concerning Articles 81 and 82 of the EC Treaty that arise in individual cases (guidance letters). If necessary, the present agreement shall be modified according to the guidance letter.
10. On the condition that all signatory parties agree, the present agreement can be extended to other types of energy efficient lighting providing a guarantee of life duration, energy performance, lighting quality or other aspects equivalent to those of CFLs.
11. All signatory parties state their willingness to invite other relevant parties to join this agreement under the present terms and conditions. In particular, local and regional authorities, energy agencies, NGOs, public service companies and private sponsors would be particularly welcome to participate.

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