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COMPACT FLOURESCENT ENERGY SAVING LIGHT BULBS POSE NO HEALTH RISKS

A preliminary statement by the German Federal Environment Agency, which has received the measurements reported by NDR's "Markt" programme on 18 April 2011--which were also featured in The Telegraph and Daily Express on 20 April 2011--states that if the NDR figures were roughly extrapolated to the real conditions in living spaces, the concentration would not be enough to pose a health risk. For this reason, the German Federal Environment Agency sees no current urgent need to take action, and the ELC stands in agreement with this decision.

Supplementing this statement, German consumer organisation Stiftung Warentest confirmed the high standard of brand name and high-quality suppliers in a recent issue of the magazine "test" (03/2011). It tested the "ambient air contamination" by energy-saving light bulbs both by checking for the subjective development of any odour as well as by measuring volatile organic compounds (VOC). According to this criterion, high-quality manufacturers consistently received a good to very good assessment. NDR has thus not revealed any unknown facts.

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