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## **European Lamp Manufacturers welcome the adoption of traditional incandescent lamps phase-out in European homes**

The European Lamp Companies Federation (ELC), representing leading lamp manufacturers in Europe, welcomes the adoption by the European Parliament and Council of the EU decision aiming at restricting incandescent lamps in Europe by 2012 and low efficiency halogen lamps by 2016<sup>1</sup>.

In the context of this adoption, the European lamp manufacturers have supported the procedure through their technical and market knowledge and they will do their utmost to provide consumers with the widest range of energy saving lighting solutions to achieve the targeted switch. The lighting industry is also committed to contributing to an information campaign on the phase-out and answering all questions consumers may have in cooperation with environmental NGOs and consumer organisations. The switch will reduce energy consumption for domestic lighting by 30% in Europe and fight climate change by preventing 23 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per year.

Today, 85% of lamps used in European homes are not energy efficient. The progressive switch in the homes of nearly 500 million citizens by 2016 will have a considerable impact. In order to facilitate a smooth transition, the industry is investing significantly in innovation and the further development of its production capacity.

Energy efficient lamps can reduce energy consumption by as much as 80% and can last up to 15 times longer than their less energy efficient equivalents. Energy efficient lamps today come in a whole range of shapes and sizes and give a high quality light, to be used in current applications.

"Switching to energy efficient lamps by 2012 in Europe represents a positive impact on the environment but also a real challenge for manufacturers to adapt processes to new products and to supply lamps to the market. The European lamp manufacturers are investing significantly in innovative green products to contribute to a low carbon economy." said Jürgen Sturm, ELC Secretary General.

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<sup>1</sup> This Decision was approved by EU Member State experts in December 2008 under comitology procedure. Parliament and Council had a 3 month period - which just ended - to review this implementing measure under a "regulatory procedure with scrutiny". The Regulation will enter into force 20 days after its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.