

Position Paper on CFLni 2-pin

Introduction

Since its establishment, LightingEurope has always supported initiatives from the EU that benefit consumers, the environment, and the economy. LightingEurope therefore welcomes the Commission's initiative to simplify and merge Regulations (EC) No 244/2009, No 245/2009, and (EU) No 1194/2012 into one Single Lighting Regulation. We would like to draw your attention to the following point.

CFLni 2-pin in the Single Lighting Regulation

Stage 3 of Regulation (EU) No 245/2009, as amended by Regulation (EU) No 347/2010, entered into force on 13 April 2017. The amendment to Paragraph 1.1.C of Annex III, which is covered by Stage 3 of the Regulation, was important for CFLni 2-pin lamps. The text of this Paragraph has been changed to: "Fluorescent lamps without integrated ballast shall be able to operate with ballasts of energy efficiency class A2 or more efficient ballasts in accordance with point 2.2 of Annex III. In addition they may also operate with ballasts of less efficient classes than A2."¹ This means that lamps, which need control gears in any case, may run with control gears of various efficiencies.

It is possible for CFLni 2-pin lamps to operate on A2 class ballasts. That is why these lamps are also allowed to be sold on the market after 13 April 2017. However, as A2 class ballasts are rather expensive, it is unlikely that many new luminaires operating CFLni 2-pin lamps will be placed on the market after this date.

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¹ The energy efficiency classes referred to are specifically designed for control gears.