

LightingEurope's Statement on EU Taxonomy

Classification of luminaire manufacturing

The EU Taxonomy is a green classification system that translates the EU's climate and environmental objectives into criteria for specific economic activities, for investment purposes.

In its current version, the Delegated Act of the EU Taxonomy which establishes the Technical Screening Criteria (TSC) for determining when an economic activity qualifies as contributing substantially to climate change mitigation or climate change adaptation¹ covers manufacturing of lighting products in activity "3.5. Manufacture of energy efficiency equipment for buildings". Specifically, in this section the manufacturing of light sources and of presence and daylight controls for lighting systems are expressly mentioned among the economic activities eligible for Taxonomy.

The current wording in the Regulation, as described above, does not provide full clarity on the classification of the manufacturing of all lighting products in the EU Taxonomy for climate change mitigation and adaptation purposes, which has created some uncertainty in the market.

LightingEurope believes that it would be beneficial if manufacturing of luminaires as a whole would also be explicitly mentioned as an enabling activity for Taxonomy climate change mitigation and adaptation, with relevant and specific Technical Screening Criteria.

For this reason, LightingEurope is working to help clarifying the wording of the activity definitions, including the Technical Screening Criteria, in view of a possible future amendment of the legislative act.

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¹ COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2021/2139 of 4 June 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council.