



The Impact of EU rules depends on their Better Enforcement

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As members of the European Parliament gather this week in Strasbourg for the first plenary session, LightingEurope would like to highlight one of its key priorities for this new mandate: better enforcement of EU rules.

LightingEurope has strong concerns regarding the increasing number of non-compliant and dangerous products that customers can access on the EU market. At the same time, too few checks are carried out in Europe compared to the number of products available.

“New EU rules should only be created where it is demonstrated that the existing ones cannot deliver on the desired objective and following the publication of an impact assessment that demonstrates the benefit the proposed EU rules will generate. Laws should be simple and clear for companies across the world to easily understand and apply and for authorities across Europe to enforce and swiftly remove non-compliant products and actors from the market,” says Lionel Brunet, President of LightingEurope. These issues must be tackled throughout the course of the mandate of the newly elected members of the European Parliament. “More resources need to be allocated to enforcement authorities – the resources available to them today are not commensurate to the volume of products and of the number of rules that they need to check,” he adds.

The lighting industry suffers from the limited capacity to enforce EU product rules, especially in the context of products sold online. “More should be done to address the new challenges related to this channel of distribution. This is key to ensuring both a level-playing field in the EU Single Market and consumers safety” says Ourania Georgoutsakou, Secretary General of LightingEurope.

LightingEurope looks forward to collaborating in this legislature to promote a positive business and regulatory environment, to foster fair competition and growth for the European industry and ensure that EU citizens can access efficient lighting that benefits human comfort, safety and well-being, and the environment.

About LightingEurope

LightingEurope is the voice of the lighting industry, based in Brussels and representing 33 companies and national associations. Together these members account for over 1,000 European companies, a majority of which are small or medium-sized. They represent a total European workforce of over 100,000 people and an annual turnover exceeding 20 billion euro. LightingEurope is committed to promoting efficient lighting that benefits human comfort, safety and well-being, and the environment. LightingEurope advocates a positive business and regulatory environment to foster fair competition and growth for the European lighting industry.

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