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Understanding the Lighting standards transition

While manufacturers, retailers and consumers are all preparing for the upcoming transition of lighting standards (except in California where it began on January 1 of this year), much has been made of the so-called “ban” of incandescent light bulbs. Set to take effect on January 1, 2012 nationally and phasing in over 2 years, the new standards, and their impact on the market, have some consumers feeling confused. Below, we have provided a number of trustworthy resources to help educate consumers about the coming transition.

Educational resources on the Lighting standards transition

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

“Lighting Choices” Webpages

http://www.energysavers.gov/your_home/lighting_daylighting/index.cfm/mytopic=11975

Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

“Shopping for Light Bulbs?” webpages

ftc.gov/lightbulbs

National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)

The 5 “L”s of Lighting: The Consumer’s Guide to Choosing Energy-Efficient Lighting

<http://www.lightbulboptions.org/>

“Lighting Options for your Home” Brochure

<http://www.nemasavesenergy.org/assets/YK4Q6YhC70yCdkbePFFAKg.pdf>

NEMA Press Release (September, 21, 2010); “Better Use of Light Act is Not Better”

<http://www.nema.org/media/pr/20100921a.cfm>

Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

Fact Sheet

[Fact Sheet on US Energy Efficiency Standards for Everyday Light Bulbs](#)

General Electric

Position Paper, “A Transforming Global Lighting Industry”

http://www.gelighting.com/na/home_lighting/products/2012_energy_legislation/downloads/transforming_global_lighting_industry.pdf

General Electric Lighting Website

http://www.gelighting.com/na/home_lighting/products/2012_energy_legislation/

OSRAM Sylvania

Lighting Guide; “How many people does it take to change a Light bulb?”

<http://assets.sylvania.com/assets/Documents/CONS-LEGIS-2010.4f30843d-1e56-4791-a827-8fd269771f3c.pdf>

Philips

Energy Efficient Lighting

<http://applications.nam.lighting.philips.com/ecovantage/>

The Home Depot

“Lighting Facts” webpages

http://ext.homedepot.com/shopping-tools/light-bulbs/index.html?&cm-sp=d29-_-LightBulbs-_-IntroCopy-_-Eco_Options-_-Learn_More



American Lighting Association (ALA)

<http://www.americanlightingassoc.com/Lighting-Fundamentals/Light-Sources-Light-Bulbs/New-Incandescent-Light-Bulb-Requirements.aspx>

California Energy Commission

New Light Bulb Standards for a More Efficient California-Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

http://www.energy.ca.gov/lightbulbs/lightbulb_faqs.html