








TECHNICAL STATEMENT

RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances) - Phase out of mercury containing lamps

For several years the RoHS exemptions relating to mercury containing lamps have been the subject of a much-delayed review process which has resulted in many mercury exemptions expiring.

The EU Commission has published [OJ 2022/L 43](#) which included amending Delegated Directives giving revised exemption expiry dates for many mercury containing lamps as shown in the table below.

For GB, DEFRA has published [SI 2023 No. 658](#) "The Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2023". The exemptions expiring mirror those in the EU, but with an extended implementation timescale as listed below.

Lamp Type		EU/NI Phase-out date	GB Phase-out date
CFLni Non-Integrated		24 February 2023	1 February 2024
CFLni Long life ($< 30\text{W}$, $\geq 20,000\text{h}$)		24 August 2023	1 February 2024
T5		24 August 2023	1 February 2024
T8 (2', 4' & 5')		24 August 2023	1 September 2023 (Eco-design*)
T8 (other lengths)		24 August 2023	1 February 2024
T5/T8 Long-life ($\geq 25,000\text{h}$)		24 February 2023	1 February 2024
SON Deluxe (most)		24 August 2023	1 February 2024

The above lamp types cannot be placed on the EU / GB market from the stated dates.

This above overview only covers the most significant general lighting lamps, please consult the EU OJ or the UK SI for a comprehensive list of all exemptions including special purpose types e.g. UV-C.

* Note: T8 2', 4' & 5' are banned in GB on 1 September 2023 under Eco-design legislation SI 2021 No. 1095.