

Statement Regarding Enforcement of 45 LPW General Service Lamp Standard

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The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, requires that, effective beginning January 1, 2020, DOE shall prohibit the sale of any general service lamp that does not meet a minimum efficacy standard of 45 lumens per watt. DOE understands that manufacturers may face a difficult transition complying with such a standard, for one or more lamp categories defined as general service lamps, by that date.

DOE is issuing this statement to reassure manufacturers that DOE is committed to continuing its active dialogue with industry, including discussions about which categories of lamps may need additional time to comply with a 45 lm/W standard (e.g., incandescent reflector lamps) and what additional time period each category may require. DOE can issue a policy that provides the necessary flexibility by lamp category based on sufficient manufacturer information. DOE plans to engage in meetings and other stakeholder outreach prior to such required compliance and will keep stakeholders apprised of its plans to issue such a policy.