



AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS NOTICE NO. 2009/04








Import controls of General Lighting Service (GLS) Electric Filament Lamps

The **importation** of General Lighting Service (GLS) Electric Filament Lamps will be prohibited under the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956* (the Regulations) from 1 February 2009, unless an import permission has been granted.

The Regulations require a person seeking to import GLS lamps to obtain permission from the Minister for Environment, Heritage and the Arts prior to the importation. Permissions will only be granted in a limited number of circumstances. For all import permission enquiries please contact the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts on (02) 6274 1111 or energyrating@environment.gov.au

The prohibition covers a range of inefficient GLS electric filament lamps as set out in Australian Standard 4934.2 - *Incandescent Lamps for General Lighting Services, Part 2: Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS) Requirements*.

The prohibited lamps have the following characteristics:

Voltage	≥ 220V		
Wattage	< 150 Watts (typically 25, 40, 60, 75 and 100 Watts)		
Base: either of – <u>AND</u>	 bayonet	 screw	
Shape: any of – <u>WITH</u>	 pear	 tubular	 mushroom
Bulb diameter	≥ 50mm		
Finish: either of -	 clear	 frosted	
Filament	conventional filament		

The import prohibition **does not** apply to GLS lamps that are imported as part of other equipment, coloured GLS lamps, silvered GLS lamps, candle lamps; fancy round lamps; halogen or compact fluorescent lamps (CFL).

Further Information

Penalty

The maximum penalty for importing these goods without import approval is a fine not exceeding \$110,000 or 5 times the value of the goods, whichever is the greater.

Contacts

For information on the background to this import restriction contact the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, (02) 6274 1111 or energyrating@environment.gov.au

Inquiries concerning this notice may be directed to the Manager, Environment and Wildlife, Community Protection, Australian Customs Service on telephone number (02) 6275 6047 or fax number (02) 6229 3840.

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