

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 Industry 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 Industry on Ph. 1800 770 161 or <http://www.energyrating.gov.au/programs/e3-> program/meps/about/

The prohibition covers a range of inefficient GLS electric filament lamps as set out in Australian Standard 4934.2-2011 - *Incandescent Lamps for General Lighting Services, Part 2: Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS) Requirements.*

The prohibited lamps have the following characteristics:

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| **Voltage** | ≥ 220V | | | |
| **Wattage** | < 150 Watts  (typically 25, 40, 60, 75 and 100 Watts) | | | |
| **Base: either of – AND** | **bayonet** | | **screw** | |
| **Shape: any of – WITH** | **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 Industry, Ph. 1800 770 161 or [energyrating@industry.gov.au](mailto:energyrating@industry.gov.au)

Inquiries concerning this notice may be directed to the Manager, Environment and Wildlife, Community Protection, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service on telephone number (02) 6229 3825 or [environment.wildlife@customs.gov.au](mailto:environment.wildlife@customs.gov.au)

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