



## Sustainable public procurement in the UK: Electronic components - lighting



If you are an exporter of lighting, the UK policy on sustainable public procurement of lighting may help you to find new market opportunities. This fact sheet provides a short summary of the UK criteria as well as some useful trade leads. As such this fact sheet may be helpful for lighting exporters or Business Support Organisations that are looking to expand their market activities in the UK. Additional information on the EU policy is available in the related documents section.

### Sustainable public procurement of lighting in the UK

- The UK is a front runner on sustainable public procurement. The UK government requires that 100% of purchases by central public authorities occur using sustainability criteria.
- Local public authorities do not have sustainable procurement targets. Nevertheless, some local public authorities have developed policies based on the national criteria.
- The UK has developed criteria for the following products: lighting systems, energy control gear and light bulbs.

### UK criteria for lighting systems, energy control gear and light bulbs

- Public authorities must purchase lighting products that reduce the amount of energy consumed throughout the whole life cycle of the products.
- Lighting systems and energy control gear must meet the UK government's Enhanced Capital Allowances scheme.
- This scheme refers to six types of energy efficient lighting units (light fitting (or luminaire), lamps and associated control gear) and each subject to its own specific performance criteria (per component).
- Light bulbs, both single-ended as double-ended, must have EU energy label class A.

➔ For all the criteria developed by the UK, refer to the Annex.

### How to prove compliance

- All kinds of documentary evidence are accepted. However, you will be surely asked for a statement of compliance and product specifications.
- An increasing number of UK companies come up with their own 'green logo'. What will be required from you depend on your UK buyers' strategy.
- The most accepted means of verification for light-bulbs is the EU eco-label. Other European labels are not very well known on the UK market.

➔ For more information on label schemes, refer to the related documents section.

### Facts on (sustainable) lighting in the UK

- The UK government, energy suppliers and some major UK retailers have set themselves the goal to phase out traditional light bulbs from the domestic market by 2011. This target year lies one year ahead of the EU's target year (2012).
- Local governmental organisations apply the sustainable criteria for lighting only on a small scale. UK buyers expect the criteria to be increasingly included in local tenders in future years.