

**Question for written answer E-012307/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Ecolabel for LED lights

Commission Regulation (EC) No 245/2009 implementing Directive 2005/32/EC defines the ecodesign requirements for fluorescent lamps, high intensity discharge lamps and ballasts. The product information requirements for lamps and ballasts are also defined.

These new requirements will reduce electricity consumption and improve the environmental compatibility of fluorescent lamps. Following the introduction of these requirements, manufacturers have begun to adapt their products to the energy efficiency criteria and the stipulations relating to light pollution in order to offer their customers a new range of products.

On account of the different technical standards, however, it is often difficult for consumers to ascertain the energy efficiency of a product and its compliance with the light pollution requirements. They are therefore not able to make an environmentally conscious purchase decision.

In order to support the right purchase decision when it comes to LED lights, the introduction of an ecolabel like that already in place for electrical appliances would be beneficial.

Does the Commission know whether this is possible?

Will it introduce an ecolabel in order to enable consumers to make an informed purchase decision?