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Chile to Ban Low-Efficiency General Service Incandescent Lamps Beginning 28 December 2014

Chile's Ministry of Energy on 28 December 2013 issued minimum mandatory energy efficiency standards for general-purpose non-directional incandescent lamps. The new standards prohibit the commercialisation of lamps with an energy efficiency index in watts per lumen equal to or greater than 80 percent. Covered lamps include A and PS type tungsten filament incandescent lamps for domestic and similar general purpose lighting, with a nominal power between 25 and 200 watts, having a transparent, frosted or white finish and E26 or E27 caps, in accordance with the scope of application of IEC Standard 60064/2005. As a result, lamps with a rated energy efficiency of D, E, F or G and a power greater than 75 watts will be banned from 28 December 2014. Lamps with a rated energy efficiency of D, E, F or G and a power greater than 40 watts will be banned from 28 June 2015, while lamps with a rated energy efficiency of D, E, F or G and a power equal to or greater than 25 watts will be prohibited from 28 December 2015. Under a second stage that will begin on 28 December 2016, the ministry will evaluate the implementation of additional energy efficiency standards for other lighting products.

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