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INTRODUCTION

Increasingly, there is a focus on preserving the natural environment for the good of future generations. For this to be achieved, efficient use of energy and materials throughout the life cycle of every product and process is essential to conserve the world's finite natural resources. In addition, release of substances and materials that might be harmful for the environment or induce climatic changes must be avoided or minimized. From conception to the end of life of a product, the environmental impact of all the relevant processes should be considered, including how materials are disposed of or recovered for future use.

To contribute to conserving natural resources, manufacturers and suppliers of lighting products are implementing environmentally conscious design involving:

– efficient use of energy and materials in the manufacture of products;

– phasing-out or minimizing use of hazardous substances or materials;

– at the end of product life, sorting and recycling materials for future use.

Environmental product declarations and environmentally conscious design are being increasingly required, and in some instances mandated. These can take several forms, for example, Type II (self-declaration) or Type III (third-party declaration) environmental declarations, or material declarations.

Green Public Procurement is a process defined by the European Commission, which can be applicable and/or environmentally conscious design as part of ISO 14001 certification. Some countries and regions are actively striving for environmental conservation, for example, the European Union through its Ecodesign Directive and China through Ecodesign Initiative. Systematic demands for environmentally conscious design will be required by most, if not all, lighting product customers, in the medium term.

The literature review in this document covers environmental aspects related to lighting products and is intended to provide a focused inventory of references that will assist with access to relevant documents on standardized environmental strategies, techniques, and reporting.

The information available can help to facilitate improved product environmental performance, foster effective communication using common references and terminology for environmental information throughout the supply chain, and help identifying future standardization needs related to environmental aspects.

1 Scope

This document provides a comprehensive range of environment related information sources to assist with understanding, assessing, and advancing the environmental performance of lighting products.

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There are no normative references in this document.

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