



STAGE 3 OF THE EU DIRECTIVE GOVERNING CONTROL GEAR – AND MATCHING VS SOLUTIONS

The 3rd stage of directive EU 245/2009, based on the Eco Design Directive, is due to take effect on 13th April 2017.

With the aim of ensuring sparing and sustainable use of resources, the EU defined a number of measures in 1997 that were designed to make fluorescent and high-pressure discharge lamps as well as control gear and luminaires even more efficient on the EU market. Stage three of this directive is now due to take effect on 13th April 2017.

Detailed information on the EU directive can be found by clicking the link below:

WHAT'S DUE TO CHANGE ON 13TH APRIL 2017?

Directive EU 245/2009 stipulates limit values governing the energy consumption of lamps, luminaires and control gear, regardless of the technology, and applies to both electromagnetic and electronic control gear. Since the directive will apply in all EU member states with effect from 13th April 2017, it will only be possible to put products into circulation on this market onwards of this date if they comply with the energy efficiency values of stage three of directive EU 245/2009.

However, **outside of the EU** it will continue to be possible to market products of all energy classes, as before, in compliance with local laws and directives.

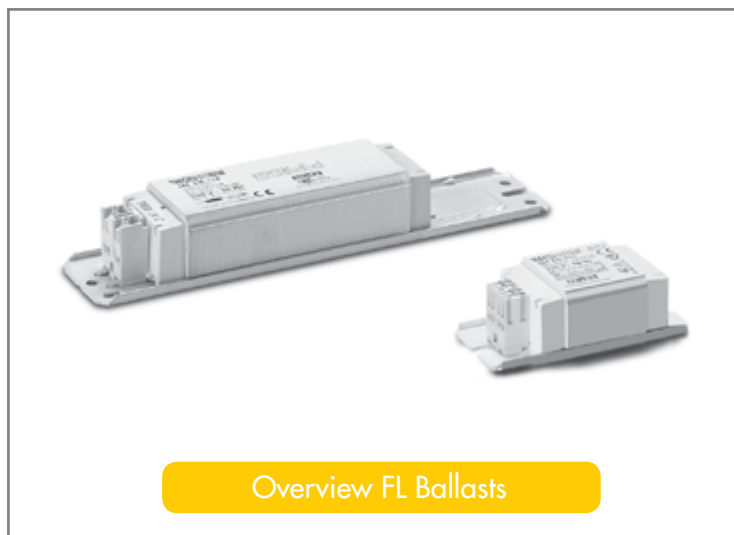
Warehouse stock held by traders may continue to be marketed without restrictions – even within the EU – after 13th April 2017.

Requirements for replacements constitute a special case with regard to the new directive. If the device in question is to be used for replacement purposes only, the device – even with poorer energy efficiency values than stipulated in the directive and without a CE mark – may be used to replace a defective unit in an existing luminaire.

The approbation of a luminaire will not be invalidated by replacing a defective control gear unit with an equivalent replacement control gear unit.

VS solutions are sustainable and energy-efficient products that all comply with the third stage of the directive. But we will also continue to produce and market electromagnetic control gear of energy efficiency classes B1, B2, C and D for non-EU states.

A list of products that satisfy the A2 requirement as well as alternatives for products that fail to satisfy A2 can be found by clicking the link below:



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