

Effective Dates¹ and Specifications² for Lamp Sales Restrictions in [IMERC Member States](#)

Note that this table is provided for general information purposes only and may not be relied upon in lieu of legal counsel.

Lamp Type	Product Specifications ³	CT	LA	ME	MN	NY ⁴	RI	VT
Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs)	Screw-Based, All			1/1/26^a	1/1/25^b		1/1/24^c	2/17/23^d
	Screw-Based, <30W, >2.5mg					1/1/21^e		
	GU24-Based, All			1/1/26^a	1/1/25^b		1/1/24^c	1/1/24^d
	Pin-Based, All			1/1/26^a	1/1/26^b		1/1/25^f	
	Bayonet-Based, All			1/1/26^a	1/1/25^b		1/1/24^c	
	≥100mg	7/1/06^g						
	≥10mg		7/1/14^h				1/1/10ⁱ	
	EXEMPTION POSSIBILITY	✓	✓					
2' Linear Fluorescent Lamps (LFLs)	General Purpose, All			1/1/26^a	1/1/26^b		1/1/25^f	
	T8, Normal Life, >3.5mg					1/1/21ⁱ		
	T5, Normal Life, >3.0mg					1/1/21ⁱ		
	≥100mg	7/1/06^g						
	≥10mg		7/1/14^h				1/1/10ⁱ	
	EXEMPTION POSSIBILITY	✓	✓					
4' LFLs	General Purpose, All			1/1/26^a	1/1/26^b		1/1/25^f	1/1/24^k
	T8, Normal Life, ≥3.5mg					1/1/21ⁱ		
	T5, Normal Life, ≥3.0mg					1/1/21ⁱ		
	T8, Long Life, ≥5.0mg					1/1/21ⁱ		
	T5, Long Life, ≥5.0mg					1/1/21^m		
	≥100mg	7/1/06^g						
	≥10mg		7/1/14^h				1/1/10ⁱ	
	EXEMPTION POSSIBILITY	✓	✓					

¹ Dates shown are those upon which certain mercury-added lamps may no longer be sold, offered for sale, or distributed in the corresponding IMERC Member State.

² Shaded rows indicate restrictions based solely on mercury content, as adopted into the mercury reduction and education laws of CT, LA, and RI.

³ Some IMERC states restrict the sale of lamps based on mercury content in milligrams. In this table, 'mg' always means milligrams of mercury.

⁴ NYSDEC is in the process of establishing mercury content standards for general purpose and specialty lamps in regulation. [See Subdivisions 11 and 12.](#)

Lamp Type	Specifications	CT	LA	ME	MN	NY	RI	VT
8' LFLs	General Purpose, All			1/1/26^a	1/1/26^b		1/1/25^f	
	≥15mg, Excluding Very High Output					1/1/21^m		
	≥100mg	7/1/06^g						
	≥10mg		7/1/14^h				1/1/10ⁱ	
	EXEMPTION POSSIBILITY	✓	✓					
Non-Linear Fluorescent Lamps (U-Tube, Circular, etc.)	General Purpose			1/1/26^a	1/1/26^b		1/1/25^f	
	≥15mg					1/1/21^m		
	≥100mg	7/1/06^g						
	≥10mg		7/1/14^h				1/1/10ⁱ	
	EXEMPTION POSSIBILITY	✓	✓					
Mercury Vapor Lamps and Ballasts⁵	Screw-Based HID, General Purpose				1/1/25^b			
	General Purpose Ballasts				1/1/25^b			
HIDs (Includes Metal Halide, High Pressure Sodium & Mercury Vapor)	≥100mg - <1g	7/1/13ⁿ						
	≥10mg		7/1/12^o					
	EXEMPTION POSSIBILITY	✓	✓				EXEMPTⁱ	
All Other Hg Lamps (Includes Cold Cathode, Low-P Hg Discharge, and Neon)	≥100mg	7/1/06^g					1/1/10^p	
	≥10mg		7/1/12^o					
	EXEMPTION POSSIBILITY	✓	✓				✓	
Specialty Lamps Not Listed Above	≥100mg	7/1/06^g						
	≥10mg		7/1/12^o					
	EXEMPTION POSSIBILITY	✓	✓					

⁵ General purpose mercury vapor lamp and ballast sales banned by federal law/rule in 2008-2009.

Endnotes

- ^a Maine: See 38 MRSA §1672, Subsection 4-A
- ^b Minnesota: See MN Statutes 2024, §116.92, Subdivision 7b
- ^c Rhode Island: See RI General Laws, §23-24.9-6.1, Subsection (b)
- ^d Vermont: See 10 VSA §7152, Subsection (a)(6). These dates correspond to when Vermont made the determination that cheaper non-mercury alternatives are available for the specified lamps.
- ^e New York: See §27-2107, Subdivision 11(a)
- ^f Rhode Island: See RI General Laws, §23-24.9-6.1, Subsection (c)
- ^g Connecticut: See CGS §22a-617, Subsection (a)(2)
- ^h Louisiana: See §2576, Subsection D.
- ⁱ Rhode Island: See 250-RICR-140-20-3, Section 3.9, Subsection D
- ^j New York: See §27-2107, Subdivision 11(b)
- ^k Vermont: See 10 VSA §7105, Subsection, Subsection (g)
- ^l New York: See §27-2107, Subdivision 11(c)
- ^m New York: See §27-2107, Subdivision 11(d)
- ⁿ Connecticut: See CGS §22a-617, Subsection (a)(3)
- ^o Louisiana: See §2576, Subsection A(3)
- ^p Rhode Island: See RI General Laws, §23-24.9-7, Subsection (d). Note that RI DEM has the authority to issue more stringent mercury content limits.

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