

Meeting Report

lites.asia - Fifth Workshop

Vietnam: 28-29 JUNE, 2012

In one of *lites.asia*'s most interactive meetings to date, 31 representatives from 13 countries attended the fifth *lites.asia* workshop in Hanoi. The meeting explored:

- **Compliance in standards and labels programmes**, in particular the balance of rigour of programme elements from market entrance to confirmation of product performance, and the associated costs to different stakeholders. Participants from China, Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam provided insights into their national compliance regimes which range from self certified schemes through to registration following testing in qualified third party laboratories.
- **Developments in lighting standards**, including:
 - Outcomes from recent IEC meetings primarily related to CFLs and LEDs;
 - Proposals for *lites.asia* members to support the submission of performance requirements for CFLs at the next IEC lighting meetings in Beijing;
 - Support and information offered by the regional IEC centre to assist countries access information on developments within the IEC, and participate more fully in IEC standards development;
 - Developments in national standards in India, Indonesia, Korea, Philippines and Thailand;
 - An update on development of performance tiers for LEDs and proposals for a major round robin by the IEA's 4E SSL Annex;
 - Most recent proposals for *lites.asia* performance and testing requirements for LEDs in Tropical environment.
- **Developments in the phase-out of inefficient lighting** including updates on the situation globally from the UNEP/GEF en.lighten project (plus information on the recent publication of country lighting assessments) and specific detail of phase-out now underway in China.
- **Government communications with consumers**, the information currently available in the region and how this could be used to support communications in other countries.

As a result of these discussions on these topics, meeting participants reached agreement to investigate the feasibility of undertaking a number of collaborative projects:

- **National labelling compliance surveys**: national surveys to analyse current compliance with labelling regulations and to identify areas where compliance could be improved, and the options to make these improvement happen;

- **‘Meeting the Suppliers’ events:** to improve supplier knowledge of the detailed regulations for supplying lighting products to a range of Asian countries, and the required actions to comply fully with these regulations.
- **Training for testing laboratory staff:** increasing the capacity of a number of laboratories around Asia through delivery of a series of training programmes, staff exchanges and/or round-robins.
- **Creation of a communications library:** to provide readily accessible source information to enable stakeholders to review existing consumer guidance information on lamp selection, application and equivalence; how labelling and compulsory and voluntary packaging information is currently displayed; etc.

Development of options for implementation of these projects is ongoing with outline proposals expected within the next few weeks.

Meeting Materials

- The programme and presentations from the meeting are available at:
<http://www.lites.asia/downloads/hanoi2012>
- Draft consumer guidelines for the purchase of LEDs is available at:
http://www.lites.asia/files/otherfiles/0000/0115/LEDs_Consumer_Guidelines_-_DRAFT_Version_1_1_web_.pdf
- Draft CFL performance specification to be proposed at the next IEC meeting in Beijing are available at:
http://www.lites.asia/files/otherfiles/0000/0118/CFL_Tech_Specification_V01_Draft_web_20120716.pdf
- Draft tropical regional performance criteria for LEDs are available at:
http://www.lites.asia/files/otherfiles/0000/0117/Draft_proposed_Tropical_Region_Performance_Criteria_for_LEDs_-_public_web_.pdf