

16 March 2018

Golden International Trading Pty Ltd

IPART has taken action in relation to Golden International Trading Pty Ltd (**Golden International**) for failing to conduct a required audit.

Golden International was an accredited certificate provider (**ACP**) for the commercial lighting Recognised Energy Saving Activity under the Energy Savings Scheme (**ESS**).

Cancellation of accreditation

On 15 March 2018 the Scheme Administrator cancelled Golden International's *Energy Efficient Lighting Upgrade* accreditation, effective 16 March 2018, under section 137(2) of the *Electricity Supply Act 1995* (NSW) (**ES Act**) and clause 42(1)(c) of the *Electricity Supply (General) Regulation 2014* (**ES Regulation**).

Failure to conduct audit

Golden International failed to conduct an audit of its accreditation as required by the Scheme Administrator. This was a breach of its conditions of accreditation and a ground for cancellation under the ES Regulation.

Importance of audits

Audits are a key element in monitoring compliance with the requirements of the ESS. All ACPs accredited under the commercial lighting method are subject to audit requirements to ensure scrutiny and verification of their compliance, including their eligibility for ongoing accreditation.

ACP compliance

IPART will remain vigilant in monitoring compliance with the Scheme, and will continue to act where necessary to ensure the ongoing integrity of the ESS.

ACPs must ensure all activities conducted under the ESS – including activities undertaken by other parties on an ACP's behalf – are fully compliant with the ES Act, the ES Regulation, the *Energy Savings Scheme Rule of 2009* and the ACP's accreditation notice.