

# Energy Savings Scheme: Notice 05/2017

## Validation of Laboratory Reports

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### WHAT

We are continuing to periodically validate the authenticity of laboratory reports we receive in applications for the acceptance of lighting equipment under the Commercial Lighting Energy Savings Formula and the Home Energy Efficiency Retrofits methods of the NSW Energy Savings Scheme (**ESS**).



### WHY

We require laboratory reports as evidence that lighting products meet the equipment requirements before they can be accepted for use in the ESS.

In 2016 we withdrew acceptance for several products because we identified that the laboratory reports submitted for these products were invalid. Our systematic processes include checks that the laboratory reports we have received are valid.



### WHO

This ESS Notice should be read by all persons applying, or sponsoring an application, for acceptance of lighting equipment.



### HOW

During our assessment of a lighting application, we check that the laboratory reports are from accredited laboratories and are consistent with other reports.

We also require every application to include a signed declaration from the applicant and the sponsoring Accredited

Certificate Provider (**ACP**) that all supporting documentation is complete, true and correct. There are penalties for providing false or misleading information to IPART as Scheme Administrator of the ESS.

We will regularly select a sample of accepted products and send the relevant reports to the laboratories that issued them seeking confirmation of their validity.

If we do not receive a response, we will follow up with the laboratory and also ask the product applicant to assist in obtaining a response from the laboratory.

If the laboratory advises that a report is invalid, we will withdraw acceptance for the product.

If the laboratory has not responded after 30 days, we will notify the applicant that we are considering withdrawing product acceptance, and give them seven days to provide any additional information before a final decision is made regarding the potential removal of acceptance of the product.



### WHAT'S NEXT?

You may wish to validate laboratory reports with the issuing laboratory yourself prior to submitting them or sponsoring an application.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact the ESS lighting team at [esslighting@ipart.nsw.gov.au](mailto:esslighting@ipart.nsw.gov.au).