

## DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

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**NATIONAL REGULATOR FOR COMPULSORY SPECIFICATIONS ACT  
(Act No. 5 of 2008), AS AMENDED THROUGH THE LEGAL METROLOGY  
ACT (Act No. 9 of 2014)**

**AMENDMENT TO THE COMPULSORY SPECIFICATION FOR  
LAMP HOLDERS (VC 8011)**

I, Dr Rob Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry, hereby under Section 13(1) of the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications Act (Act 5 of 2008), declare the amendment of the compulsory specification for lampholders (VC 8011) as set out in the attached schedule, effective six (6) months after the publication of this notice.



**Dr Rob Davies, MP**  
**Minister of Trade and Industry**

**SCHEDULE**  
**COMPULSORY SPECIFICATION FOR LAMPHOLDERS**  
**(VC 8011)**

**1. SCOPE**

This compulsory specification covers safety requirements of lampholders and lampholders adapters.

The scope of this compulsory specification includes:

- Edison screw lampholder,
- Bayonet lampholders and
- Lampholders adapters

**2. DEFINITIONS**

**2.1** For the purposes of this document, the definitions in SANS (South African National standard) 61184 and SANS 60238, apply.

**2.2** In addition, the following definitions shall apply:

**2.2.1 Applicant:** the manufacturer or importer seeking approval *lampholder(s)*. The applicant shall be an existing legal entity within the Republic of South Africa.

**2.2.2 Declaration report:** a report that is issued by an accredited conformity assessment body, indicating the equivalence of standards.

**2.2.3 NRCS:** the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications as established by the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications Act, 2008 (Act No. 5 of 2008).

**2.2.4 Proof of approval:** a letter of authority (LoA) issued by the NRCS, which confirms that a particular *lampholder* type satisfies the requirements of this compulsory specification.

**2.2.5 Valid test report:** copy of an original test report issued less than 36 months before the date of submission to the NRCS for approval.

### 3. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 The applicant shall ensure that each type of lampholder has been approved by the NRCS before offering it for sale or import or supply, in accordance with the requirements of Annex A
- 3.2 The applicant shall inform the NRCS of any change in design or materials affecting any mandatory requirement in terms of this compulsory specification. In the event of such change(s) the NRCS may, at its discretion, demand that the applicant submit a new application for approval.
- 3.3 The applicant shall, on request, provide the NRCS, within five (5) working days, with satisfactory proof of approval in respect of any type of lampholder (s) included in the scope of this compulsory specification.
- 3.4 Failure to provide such proof shall constitute reasonable grounds for suspicion of non-compliance with the requirements of this compulsory specification.

### 4. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 **Bayonet screw lampholders** shall comply with the requirements in SANS 61184, *Bayonet lampholders*.
- 4.2 **Edison screw lampholders**, shall comply with the requirements in SANS 60232, *Edison screw lampholders*.

- 4.3 Lampholders adapter** shall comply with all applicable components and lampholders standards.

## **5. EQUIVALENCE OF STANDARDS**

Standards issued by different standardization bodies such as ISO (International standards organisation), EN (European standard), UL (Underwrite Laboratories), AUS/NZ (Australian/New Zealand standards) etc., will only be accepted if it is proven, in the form of a declaration report from an accredited conformity assessment body, that they are technically equivalent in all respects to the relevant South African National Standard. The applicant shall be responsible for obtaining such a declaration report. Proof of conformity with such a standard shall be accepted as conformity with the corresponding South African National Standard (SANS).

## **6. CONFORMITY TO REFERENCED STANDARDS**

- 6.1** For the purposes of this compulsory specification, a new edition of a referenced standard shall become effective twelve (12) months from the date of publication as a South African National Standard.
- 6.2** New products, or products resubmitted for approval because of a change in design or materials, shall in all cases be evaluated against the requirements of the latest edition of any referenced standard.

## **7. EVIDENCE OF CONFORMITY**

The following forms of evidence shall be submitted to the NRCS as proof of conformity with the requirements of this compulsory specification:

- 7.1** A valid test reports in format acceptable to the NRCS and issued by an appropriately accredited and internationally recognized body being a member of

an IAF/ILAC/IECEE mutual recognition scheme in accordance with the NRCS's conformity assessment policy.

- 7.2 The test reports shall prove conformity with all the applicable mandatory requirements.
- 7.3 Evidence of conformity shall be traceable to the specific *lampholder*.

## **ANNEX A - APPROVAL OF LAMP HOLDERS**

### **A.1 APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL**

An application for approval of each type of *lampholder(s)* intended for sale shall include:

**A.1.1** Details of the type of *lampholder(s)* for which approval is sought and the standard/s to which it is claimed to conform;

**A.1.2** Details of the manufacturing plant/s in which the *lampholder(s)* type is produced;

**A.1.3** For new applications, proof of conformity, with all the requirements of this compulsory specification, issued less than 36 months before the date of submission to the NRCS;

**A.1.4** On expiry of the approval, an application for an extension may be granted, provided that all the conditions of the previous approval were met. In this case, a test report, with all the requirements of the relevant compulsory specification, issued less than 60 months before the date of submission to the NRCS, shall be required;

**A.1.5** Identification markings and other information appearing on the product; and

**A.1.6** Any reasonable additional information in order to clarify the above that may be requested by the NRCS.

### **A.2 APPROVAL**

**A.2.1** The NRCS shall assess the evidence of conformity supplied by the applicant and shall decide to grant approval or not, at its sole discretion.

**A.2.2** The NRCS shall assign a unique number to each approval.

**A.2.3** The NRCS shall issue a letter of authority certificate (LOA) for each successful application, to the applicant, when all the requirements have been met.

**A.2.4** The approval granted with respect to each type of a *lampholder* that is pursuant to this compulsory specification may be withdrawn at any time, after the manufacturer has been notified in writing, if the requirements have not been met or maintained.