

IFC / Lighting Global Product Testing Policy and Intellectual Property Policy

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) operates a portfolio of programs to support the development of off grid lighting markets, including Lighting Africa (jointly implemented with the World Bank) and Lighting Asia/India and Lighting MENA. In undertaking these market development programs, IFC conducts quality assurance activities that include designating products as Lighting Global quality assured, thus qualifying these products for support under the various IFC-administered off-grid lighting programs.

IFC recognizes the importance of intellectual property protection for a thriving and dynamic international market for off-grid lighting products. Companies that submit products for testing through IFC's Lighting Global quality assurance program must therefore pledge that they have not and will not violate the intellectual property of any person or firm.

IFC reserves the right to refuse to test products from any firm that has engaged in intellectual property theft, as determined by the verdict of an appropriate legal proceeding. Moreover, IFC, operating the Lighting Global portfolio of programs, may revoke the status of products that have previously met the Lighting Global Minimum Quality Standards and/or Performance Targets if it is determined through such a verdict that the firm has violated the intellectual property rights of another person or firm.

IFC Policies for Selecting Associate Companies

Successfully passing the Lighting Global Minimum Quality Standards and/or Performance Targets does not automatically grant a company Associate status. IFC considers a number of firm level criteria in addition to product quality when selecting which companies it will invite to become program Associates. IFC reserves the right to appoint or to suspend companies as Associates at its discretion. IFC Lighting Global Associate companies are eligible to receive access to program-specific support, through Lighting Africa, Lighting Asia/India, Lighting MENA, or other IFC-administered programs, subject to availability of resources. For more information, visit www.lightingafrica.org and www.lightingasia.org.