

We are S.Batsios – L.Syropoulos CO. a self-adhesive label converter and printing company in Thessaloniki, Greece. We currently employ 32 employees and we mainly serve the food and drinks industry.

UV lamps are widely used within our company (and for this matter at a percentage >95% in the food/drink printing industry in Greece) for the Curing of UV inks. The percentage of turnover rises to 85% for printed labels that require for UV Curing.

We kindly require that UV mercury lamps production continue in the next years because our printing equipment uses only UV lamps for curing and such ban will effectively put us out of business since:

- LED curing technology is still not 100% efficient and even printing equipment manufacturers do not recommend in terms of credibility.
- Even if the LED curing technology was credible enough, it would require an enormous investment to replace the systems on our equipment.

Any eventual ban of mercury could generate a severe limitation to our factory production continuity, we therefore require that the limitation is cancelled.

Answer provided as is by Andreas Nicoletsopoulos on behalf of S.Batsios – L.Syropoulos CO. on the 26th of May 2021.