

Dear Sirs,

we are SEFRA SRL a manufacturer of lithographic offset printed items with headquarters in Marano di Valpolicella (Verona) -Italy- and employ 45 employees. We manufacture self-adhesive labels and shrink sleeves. We use UV lamps for curing of uv ink, we work 2 shifts 6 days with UV and produces self-adhesive labels and shrink sleeves.

We requires that uv mercury lamps production continue in the next years because so far our experience with alternatives to UV lamps such as LED technology which offers anyhow interesting benefits it has still too many limitations for our purposes, such as:

- LED has still a lack of adhesion;
- inks/coatings do not have a validation for our products;
- it requires to high investments to replace actual technologies;
- LED has still too low output vs mercury lamps to perform our production capacity;

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

Best regards

Answer provided as is by Silvia Zanoni on behalf of SEFRA SRL on the 20th of May 2021.