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SoX

Top 5 myths about Sox at Christmas...

1. The EU has banned socks – not true, the only SoX that are banned are those being worn with flip-flops (sliders are ok). The Philips low pressure sodium lamps are not banned, but the LED revolution has reduced demand for them. This means that Philips has set a final order date of 1st July 2019.

2. Philips have stopped knitting SOX – not true, our factory in Scotland will continue to make lamps until all orders have been satisfied. If you have a SOX lamp portfolio you should work with your contractors and suppliers to plan for the last order – if you tell your supplier what you need, they will be able to obtain a supply to support you for as long as you need. There is no legislation to ban SOX lamps.

3. SOX lamps are old technology and inefficient – whilst it is true that they have been around for nearly 60 years, they definitely are not inefficient. With efficacy up to 200 lm/W they match the very best LED solutions, just without the benefits of white light.

4. I will need a new luminaire installing – not necessarily. For lower wattages, the Philips TrueForce lamps offer all the benefits of LED lighting, but without needing the expense of replacing the luminaire and possibly the column. We even have a great case study from Long Buckby.

5. Anyone with SOX lamps must panic – no, you just need to plan ahead. With any change in market supply there is always a little fear of the unknown. But we want to work with you to make your unknowns known. Speak with your suppliers, or the Philips team and we can answer your questions and help you plan for the future – contact us at professional.trade.lighting@signify.com.

