RADIUM Date Codes

This code consists of two digits in case of lamps manufactured at Radium’s own Wipperfürth factory, or three digits in case of lamps produced under the Radium brand by other factories. It appears to have been in use since the 1960s.

1st Digit – Factory Identification
This is always a number, according to the partial listing detailed below:
- No mark: Radium Wipperfürth
- 0: Narva Brand-Erbisdorf, Germany (may also be printed as letter O)
- 1: Osram Berlin (Wedding & Spandau), Germany
- 2: Osram Augsburg, Germany
- 3: Osram Eichstätt, Germany
- 4: Osram Bari, Italy
- 16: Sylvania Drummondville, Canada
- 17: LAES, Spain
- 24: Narva or BLV
- 27: Sylvania Tienen, Belgium

2nd Digit – Month Code
The always a lower case letter, and denotes the month of production according to the table below:
- o: January
- p: February
- q: March
- r: April
- s: May
- t: June
- u: July
- v: August
- w: September
- x: October
- y: November
- z: December

3rd Digit – Year Code
This is always a number and denotes the last digit of the decade according to the table below. The cycle repeats itself every decade. To identify the decade of production other markings must be verified – for instance, the addition of the RoHS rubbish bin logo during the 2000s.

Examples:  
y0: December 1970  
w3: September 1993  
1x4: October 1994, made by Osram Berlin