

# UKCA mark

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However, to allow businesses to adjust to the new requirements, manufacturers will be able to apply CE marking (without UKCA marking) until 1 January 2022 in most cases - although one is encouraged to start using UKCA marking as soon as possible.

## If any of the following applies, the CE marking will be accepted until 1 January 2022

- Your company currently applies the CE marking to your goods based on self-declaration
- Any mandatory third-party conformity assessment was carried out by an EU-recognised notified body (including a body in a country with which the EU has a relevant mutual recognition agreement) (
- The certificate of conformity previously held by the UK approved body has been transferred to an EU-recognised notified body

## Which goods are excluded from the extension period?

- Goods regulated under the old approach (chemicals, medicines, vehicles and aerospace)
- Goods covered by national rules (non-harmonised)
- Certain other goods, such as medical devices\*, constructions products, civil explosives and products requiring [ecodesign and energy labelling](#). [1]

\* The UK's MRHA will continue to recognize the CE mark for medical devices until 30 June 2023

## Please be aware of the following:

- The UKCA marking can only be used from 1 January 2021.
- The CE marking will only be valid in Great Britain where Great Britain and EU rules remain the same. If the EU changes its rules and the product is CE marked, the CE marked product cannot be placed onto the GB market even before 31 December 2021.
- The UKCA marking alone cannot be used in Northern Ireland, which will require either CE marking or UK(NI) marking. [For guidance see placing goods on the Northern Ireland market \(on UK Government website\)](#). [2]

## Importer

If you are an importer you'll need to make sure that from 1 January 2021:

- goods are labelled with your company's details, including your company's name and a contact address (until 31 December 2022 you can provide these details on the accompanying documentation rather than on the good itself)
- the correct conformity assessment procedures have been carried out and that goods have the correct conformity markings
- the manufacturer has drawn up the correct technical documentation and complied with their labelling requirements
- you maintain a copy of the declaration of conformity for a period of 10 years
- goods conform with the relevant essential requirements

You must to comply with the above immediately for goods placed on the GB market from 1 January 2021, for both CE and UKCA marked goods.

[For guidance see placing manufactured goods on the market in Great Britain from 1 January 2021 \(on UK Government site\)](#) [3]

## Notified Body

UK notified bodies cease to exist as a EU Notified Body on 31 December 2020. Therefore, if a manufacturer has an EU Type Examination Certification issued from a UK-based notified body, then they have until the end of the year, to transfer to another Notified Body outside of the UK, to continue CE marking in the EU member states or Northern Ireland.

[Nemko is notified body for the following directives:](#)

- Radio Equipment Directive (RED): 2014/53/EU
- Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Directive: 2014/30/EU
- Marine Equipment Directive (MED): 2014/90/EU
- Equipment for potentially explosive atmospheres (ATEX): 2014/34/EU
- Construction products (CPR): No 305/2011

All notified bodies in the UK who have decided to continue to offer services will become UK approved bodies for UK purposes automatically on Jan 1, 2021. The UKCA mark can be used and the same current Notified Body number.

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- [1] <https://www.nemko.com/sites/nemko/files/users/Eco-design%20and%20energy%20labelling%20after%20Brexit.pdf>
- [2] <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ms-no172019-agreement-between-the-united-kingdom-of-great-britain-and-northern-ireland-iceland-and-the-kingdom-of-norway-on-trade-in-goods>
- [3] <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-market-in-great-britain-from-1-january-2021>