

## Brexit:

### New markings for products

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### Name and a contact address of an authorised or responsible person in the UK

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#### A. Accepted markings for different markets

Your goods may require different markings for different markets. The table below illustrates the accepted markings on each market.

	Type of good (see list of product areas below)	Accepted markings or combination of markings
Placing goods on the market in Great Britain	Manufactured goods being placed on the GB market until the end of 2021	UKCA or CE
	Manufactured goods placed on the GB market from 1 Jan 2022	UKCA
Placing goods on the market in Northern Ireland	Manufactured goods being placed on the NI market using an EU conformity assessment body	CE
	Manufactured goods being placed on the NI market using an UK-based conformity assessment body.	CE and UKNI
Placing qualifying Northern Ireland goods on the market in Great Britain (unfettered access)	Qualifying Northern Ireland goods being placed on the GB market under unfettered access	CE or CE and UKNI
Placing goods on the EU market	Manufactured goods placed on the EU market	CE

\*You may use combinations of the product markings listed in each box and your goods may be acceptable with more than one marking. For example, a product with both the CE and UKCA markings can be placed on the EU market. However, for the EU market the CE mark must appear without the UKNI indication as goods bearing the 'CE and UKNI' marking are not acceptable in the EU market. This means these goods must be manufactured to EU rules and cannot be assessed by a body based in the UK.

## B. Product areas covered by these markings

Product areas covered by the UKCA marking	Product areas covered by the UKNI marking
Aerosols  ATEX  Ecodesign Electromagnetic compatibility  Gas appliances  Lifts Low voltage electrical equipment Machinery Measuring instruments Non-automatic weighing instruments Outdoor noise Personal protective equipment Pressure equipment  Radio equipment  Recreational craft and personal watercraft Restriction of hazardous substances Simple pressure vessels Toy safety	Aerosols Appliances burning gaseous fuels  Cableway installations designed to carry persons Certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment Construction products Eco-design of energy related products Electromagnetic compatibility Equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres  Hot-water boilers Household refrigerators and freezers Lifts Low voltage electrical equipment Machinery Measuring instruments Non-automatic weighing instruments Noise emission in the environment Personal protective equipment Pressure equipment Pyrotechnics Radio and telecommunications terminal equipment Recreational craft and personal watercraft  Simple pressure vessels Safety of toys
<b>Products covered by the UKCA marking but have some special rules:</b>	<b>Products covered by the UKNI marking but which have some special rules</b>
medical devices Rail interoperability Construction products civil explosives	Medical devices Rail interoperability  Civil explosives

## C. Using the UKCA mark from 1 January 2021: Whether & When & How

### Check whether you will need to use the new UKCA marking

#### Selling goods in Great Britain

The UKCA marking will apply to most goods currently subject to the CE marking. It will also apply to aerosol products.

From 1 January 2021 the technical requirements ('essential requirements') you must meet – and the conformity assessment processes and standards that can be used to demonstrate conformity – will be largely the same as they are now.

The UKCA marking can be used from 1 January 2021. However, to allow businesses time to adjust to the new requirements, you will still be able to use the CE marking until 1 January 2022 in most cases.

In some cases you will need to apply the new UKCA marking to goods being sold in Great Britain immediately from 1 January 2021. You are encouraged to be ready to use the UKCA marking as soon as possible before this date.

The CE marking will only be valid in Great Britain for areas where GB and EU rules remain the same. If the EU changes its rules and you CE mark your product on the basis of those new rules you will not be able to use the CE marking to sell in Great Britain even before 31 December 2021.

Check whether you will need to use the UKCA marking by reading the [guidance on placing manufactured goods on the market in Great Britain](#).

#### Selling goods in the EU

The UKCA marking will not be recognised on the EU market. Products currently requiring a CE marking will still need a CE marking for sale in the EU from 1 January 2021. [Find out how to use the CE marking](#).

#### When to use the UKCA marking

You will need to use the new UKCA marking immediately after 1 January 2021 if all of the following apply.

Your product:

- is for the market in Great Britain
- is covered by legislation which requires the UKCA marking
- requires mandatory third-party conformity assessment
- conformity assessment has been carried out by a [UK conformity assessment body](#) and you haven't transferred your conformity assessment files from your UK body to an EU recognised body before 1 January 2021

This does not apply to existing stock, for example if your good was fully manufactured and ready to place on the market before 1 January 2021. In these cases your good can still be sold in Great Britain with a CE marking even if covered by a certificate of conformity issued by a UK body.

## How to use the UKCA marking

### Placing the UKCA marking

In most cases, you must apply the UKCA marking to the product itself or to the packaging. In some cases, it may be placed on the manuals or on other supporting literature. This will vary depending on the specific regulations that apply to the product.

The following general rules apply:

- UKCA markings must only be placed on a product by you as the manufacturer or your authorised representative (where allowed for in the relevant legislation)
- when attaching the UKCA marking, you take full responsibility for your product's conformity with the requirements of the relevant legislation
- you must only use the UKCA marking to show product conformity with the relevant UK legislation
- you must not place any marking or sign that may misconstrue the meaning or form of the UKCA marking to third parties
- you must not attach other markings on the product which affect the visibility, legibility or meaning of the UKCA marking
- the UKCA marking cannot be placed on products unless there is a specific requirement to do so in the legislation

### Rules for using the UKCA image

You must make sure that:

- if you reduce or enlarge the size of your marking, the letters forming the UKCA marking must be in proportion to the version set out below
- the UKCA marking is at least 5mm in height – unless a different minimum dimension is specified in the relevant legislation
- the UKCA marking is easily visible, legible (from 1 January 2023 it must be permanently attached)

## Further information



All information on these new product labels can be found in detail under the following links directly on the website of gov.uk

### [Using the UKCA mark from 1 January 2021](#)

- [Check whether you will need to use the new UKCA marking](#)

- [When to use the UKCA marking](#)
- [How to use the UKCA marking](#)
- [Technical documentation](#)
- [Future use of markings in the UK](#)
- [More information](#) , e.g. transitional measures
- [Contact](#)

## **D. Using the UKNI mark from 1 January 2021: Whether & When & How**

### **Check whether you will need to use the new UKNI marking**

#### **Placing goods on the market in Northern Ireland**

You need to use a conformity marking if you are placing certain goods on the market to show they meet the relevant rules.

In Northern Ireland, EU conformity markings will continue to be used to show goods meet EU rules after 1 January 2021. For most manufactured goods, this is the CE marking, but there are some other markings for specific products.

If you are using a UK body to carry out mandatory third-party conformity assessment you also need to apply a UKNI marking.

You never apply the UKNI marking on its own - it always accompanies an EU conformity marking.

#### **Moving goods from Northern Ireland to Great Britain**

The UK government will guarantee unfettered access for Northern Ireland's businesses to the whole of the UK market, without the need for additional approvals before placing goods on the market in the rest of the UK. You will be able to place qualifying Northern Ireland goods on the market in Great Britain based on the conformity markings you use in Northern Ireland.

Further guidance on the definition of qualifying Northern Ireland goods will be available soon.

See [Moving goods under the Northern Ireland Protocol: moving goods from Northern Ireland to Great Britain](#) for more details of the UK government's approach to unfettered access.

#### **Placing goods on the EU market**

The UKNI marking will not be recognised on the EU market. If you are placing goods on the EU market, you must use the CE marking on its own, without the UKNI marking. To find out how to place a CE marking on your product, please see [Using the CE marking](#).

## **When to use the UKNI marking**

You need to use the UKNI marking if all of the following apply:

- you are placing certain goods (mostly those goods subject to the CE marking) on the Northern Ireland market after the end of the transition period
- your goods require mandatory third-party conformity assessment
- you are planning to use a UK body to carry out those conformity assessments from 1 January 2021

You will not be able to use the UKNI marking if either of the following apply:

- you are placing goods on the market in the EU
- you are planning to use an EU body to carry out conformity assessments

If you are a manufacturer based in Northern Ireland (or the manufacturer's authorised representative) and you currently mark your goods on the basis of a supplier's declaration of conformity, you will not need to make any changes. Your goods will continue to be valid on the UK and EU markets using the relevant conformity markings.

## **How to use the UKNI marking**

### **Placing the UKNI marking**

In most cases, you must apply the UKNI marking to the product itself or to the packaging. In some cases, it may be placed on the manuals or on other supporting documents. This will vary depending on the specific regulations that apply to the product.

The following general rules apply:

- the UKNI marking must only be placed on a product by you as the manufacturer or your authorised representative (where allowed for in the relevant legislation)
- when attaching the UKNI marking to accompany another conformity marking, you take full responsibility for your product's conformity with the requirements of the relevant legislation
- you must not place any marking or sign that may misconstrue the meaning or form of the UKNI marking to third parties
- you must not attach other markings on the product which affect the visibility, legibility or meaning of the UKNI marking
- the UKNI marking cannot be placed on products unless there is a specific requirement to do so in the legislation
- the UKNI marking must accompany another conformity marking; it never appears on a product alone

## Rules for using the UKNI marking

You must make sure that:

- if you reduce or enlarge the size of your marking the letters forming the UKNI marking must be in proportion to the version set out below
- the UKNI marking is at least 5mm in height – unless a different minimum dimension is specified in the relevant legislation
- the UKNI marking is easily visible, legible, and permanently attached

## Further information



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### Using the UKNI mark from 1 January 2021

- [Check whether you will need to use the new UKNI marking](#)
- [When to use the UKNI marking](#)
- [How to use the UKNI marking](#)
- [Technical documentation](#)
- [More information](#)
- [Contact](#)

## **E. Goods are labelled with name and a contact address of an authorised or responsible person in the UK**

### **Appoint an authorised or responsible person in the UK**

Authorised representatives and responsible persons based in the EU will no longer be recognised in Great Britain from 1 January 2021.

If you need to (or choose to) use an authorised representative or responsible person, they will need to be based in the UK for products being placed on the GB market.

### **Check whether your legal responsibilities are changing**

#### **Manufacturers**

Your legal obligations will remain largely unchanged from 1 January 2021.

## **UK distributors and suppliers**

You'll need to confirm whether you or your supplier will become an 'importer' after 1 January 2021.

You'll become an importer if you're the first one bringing goods from outside the UK and placing them on the market in Great Britain. If someone has already placed a good on the UK or EU market before you sell it in Great Britain, you will remain a distributor and will not have any additional responsibilities.

As 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.

Everything you need to do to comply with the rules for manufactured goods placed on the UK market from 1 January 2021 can be found again in full in the guidance:

[Placing manufactured goods on the market in Great Britain from 1 January 2021](#)