



UK Conformity Assessment (UKCA) Policy

Introduction

Within the EU, CE Marking is mandatory for machinery, electrical and electronic equipment, medical devices and personal protective equipment. Anyone who sells these products in the EU will need to test for compliance and affix a CE Mark to the product. These standards are uniform across all member states which included United Kingdom, however, Brexit has resulted in changes to the markings.

As of 1st July 2025, UKCA marking will replace the CE Marking. Therefore, most products that previously required a CE Marking will now need to have a UKCA mark in order to be sold on the UK market. It covers much the same range of construction equipment and products that were previously marked with the CE mark, such as electric and battery powered tools, office equipment, safety equipment such as harnesses and PPE, plus the new addition to the list of aerosol products.

What is CE and UKCA Marking

CE Marking is a self-declaration where a manufacturer proves compliance with EU Health, Safety and Environmental Protection Legislation and confirms a product's compliance with relevant requirements. In the same way, UKCA Marking proves compliance with UK Legislation.

What does CE and UKCA stand for

- CE is Conformité Européenne which is French for European Conformity.
- UKCA stands for UK Conformity Assessment

Where does CE and UKCA Marking enable you to sell products

With a CE Mark, the products can be sold in the EU and in some other countries, including Turkey. To see in the UK market, a UKCA mark will need to be affixed to all relevant products.

In Northern Ireland, CE marking will continue to be valid, alongside the UK(NI) mark.

Who is responsible for marking a product

CE directives affect manufacturers, importers and distributors/retailers – though the manufacturer is responsible for acquiring the CE or UKCA mark and ensuring it is placed on the product, packaging or paperwork, depending on specific legislation.

What are the new rules specific to UKCA Marking

The UKCA mark will be the standard conformity mark as of the 1st July 2025, the products that are required to have the UKCA Mark affixed on their product or packaging are any that satisfy all of the following conditions:

- Product is for sale on the GB market
- Product will require UKCA marking
- Product will require third-party conformity assessment
- The conformity assessment has been carried out by a UK body and hasn't transferred the conformity files to a recognised EU body



How should the Mark be affixed if it is impossible to place it on the product itself

If the appearance and workmanship of a product does not allow for the CE Marking to be affixed on the product itself, the marking has to be affixed to its packaging or accompanying documents.

In the UK, manufacturers can, in most cases, have the UKCA Mark affixed to packaging or an accompanying document, even if there is space on the product itself. This is a transitional measure that will end on 1st July 2025.

Construction Products Regulation in Great Britain and Northern Ireland

In the pre-Brexit age, the declarations of performance and CE marking were regulated by the European Construction Products Regulation across the EU single market. Declarations of performance and CE marking were mandatory for many of the construction materials and building components sold in the UK.

From the 1st January 2021, since the UK has officially left the EU single market, the EU has stopped recognising CE marking issued by third-party UK bodies. In response, a new designated standard's were rolled-out by the British Government aimed at addressing conformity marking of the construction products sold in the UK.

As a result, as of 1st July 2025, any building product manufacturers or supplier wanting to continue trading within the UK market has to comply with the new regulations. This means that products need to achieve, either immediately or by the end of the transition period, the new UKCA and UKNI conformity marking. The above requirements will vary depending on the product. Note that the UK legislation is now divided in two groups, regulations for the Northern Ireland market and those for the market in Great Britain.

- All existing products having received CE marking before 01 July 2025 are still eligible for sale on all affected markets. Manufacturers will have to adopt the new marking protocols by 1st July 2025.
- For manufacturers placing new products on the market from 1st July 2025, the following applies:
 - EU market –you will need a CE certificate issued by an EU NB
 - GB market – requires a UKCA certificate issued by a UK AB.
 - NI market – all products will still require a CE mark; however, any products certified by a UK AB must also carry a UKNI mark.

What rules do construction products need to follow

European manufacturers must prepare for the end of recognition of the CE mark in the UK market and provide the new UKCA and/or UKNI conformity markings.

Manufacturers are provided with sufficient time to transition to the new requirements. Meanwhile construction products can continue to be placed on the UK market without any need for reassessment or re- marking if EU requirements are met (including CE marking). In addition, products that meet NI rules (including CE marking or CE UKNI marking) can be placed on the GB market.

Procurement and Receipt of Products



Before introducing any new products or equipment into the workplace or as part of any business services, they will be physically checked for the presence of a UKCA logo or Kitemark.

In most cases, the UKCA marking will be applied to the product and/or equipment 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.

In addition, the equipment must have a Declaration of Conformity. The contents of the UK Declaration of Conformity vary depending on the product. Check what may be required through the relevant UK legislation with which the product complies.

The contents of the UK Declaration of Conformity vary depending on the product and can often be found in the instruction manual, technical data sheet or on an attached label; however, it should include the following:

- 1) Product, type, batch or serial number.
- 2) Name and address of manufacturer / manufacturer's authorised representative.
- 3) Identification / description of actual product.
- 4) A statement that the product conforms with the relevant legislation.
- 5) Where applicable, references to any designated standards.
- 6) Where applicable, reference to the approved body that carried out any conformity assessment activity (name, number and description of activity).
- 7) Signature of manufacturer (or authorised representative, where there is one).

Acceptance of Products and Equipment

Products and equipment that are deemed compliant and fit for purpose with UKCA Marking may be accepted for use in the workplace by employees who have received appropriation information, instruction and training in accordance with Manufacturers Instructions and Users Handbook or suitable for application within the construction industry as part of the business services.

Any product or equipment that is not accepted as compliant with UKCA and therefore fit for purpose shall be placed in quarantine, recorded until a formal resolution is determined, which may result in rejection.

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