



Update on CE Marking and the UKCA Mark

To whom it may concern,

On the 2nd September the Government Department BEIS issued new guidance via email regarding CE Marking and the possible adoption of the UKCA Mark.

IFCC are emailing you today to make you aware of some updated guidance which has been published on GOV.UK regarding the UK domestic regime for manufactured goods which comes into force on 1 January 2021.

“The new UK domestic regime will cover most goods currently subject to the EU’s CE marking. The technical requirements for these goods will be the same on 1 January 2021 as they are now. However, there will be certain changes, including the introduction of the UKCA marking and a system of third-party conformity assessment by UK-recognised approved bodies, in place of the current EU system of notified bodies.

All UK Notified Body will automatically become a UK approved body from 1 January 2021. We will be sending out “letters of appointment”, to each UK NBs before the end of this year.

UK-based notified bodies who become approved bodies will keep the same 4-digit identification number as they have now. There will also be a new UK database which will replace the EU’s New Approach Notified and Designated Organisations (NANDO) database.

To allow businesses time to adjust, CE marked goods in scope of this guidance that meet EU requirements (where these match UK requirements) can continue to be placed on the GB market until 1st January 2022 where EU and UK requirements remain the same. This includes goods which have been assessed by an EU recognised notified body. The EU will not be making reciprocal arrangements. Nonetheless the guidance is clear that this is a strictly time-limited arrangement and we will be actively encouraging businesses to be ready for full implementation of the new UK regime as soon as possible after 1st January 2021, including (where applicable) engaging the services of a UK-recognised approved body.

Another transitional measure being introduced, to ease the burden on businesses, until the 1 January 2023 there will be the option to affix the UKCA marking on a label affixed to the product or on an accompanying document. From 1 January 2023, the UKCA marking must, in most cases, be affixed directly to the product. We are again encouraging businesses to start building this into their design process ahead ready for this date.

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There are four links to guidance we would like to bring to your attention:

1. *Placing UKCA and CE marked goods on the GB market from 1st January 2021:*
www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-market-in-great-britain-from-1-january-2021
2. *Placing manufactured goods on the EU market from 1st January 2021:*
www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-eu-market-from-1-january-2021
3. *Prepare to use the UKCA marking from 1st January 2021:* www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-mark-from-1-january-2021
4. *Conformity assessment bodies: status from 1st January 2021:*
www.gov.uk/guidance/conformity-assessment-bodies-change-of-status-from-1-january-2021

This guidance relates primarily to goods regulated by the Department for Business energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) under the areas listed in the guidance. This guidance does not wholly apply to [medical devices](#), [rail interoperability](#), [construction products](#) and [civil explosives](#); goods regulated under the old approach ([chemicals](#), [medicines](#), [vehicles](#) and [aerospace](#)) and goods covered by national rules (see the [UK specific rules guidance](#) for more information).”

IFCC will continue to monitor progress during the negotiations and will continue to liaise closely with the UK government’s MHCLG and BEIS Departments in order to update our clients as soon as we can on changes how this announcement will affect our CE Marking services and ensuring a smooth transition of your current CE certification to the UKCA Mark if and when required.

Despite the continuing ambiguities surrounding the UK’s departure from the EU, it is important to note that none of IFC Certification’s other services (including Product Certification in accordance with IFCC SDP Scheme Documents) will be affected; it is only CE Marking which may be affected as detailed above.