

USING THE UKCA MARKING

WHAT BUSINESSES NEED TO KNOW

The UK has left the EU. As a result, there are changes to how businesses place manufactured goods on the market.

The UKCA (UK Conformity Assessed) marking is a new product marking that is used for goods being placed on the market in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland). It covers most goods which previously required the CE marking and, like the CE mark, demonstrates that all the requirements of the legislation have been met.

<u>You must be ready to use the UKCA marking after 31st December 2022 for most goods,</u> although you should look to use the UKCA marking as soon as possible. There is an exception for <u>medical devices</u>, which has a longer timeline for businesses to transition.



WHAT BUSINESSES NEED TO DO

Ensure your business has taken the necessary steps:

- > Step 1: Check whether your product needs the UKCA marking here.
 - o If your product was previously CE marked or used the reverse epsilon marking, you will now need to use the UKCA marking.
- > Step 2: Check the appropriate route for conformity assessment.
 - Check the <u>guidance</u> to work out whether you need to self-declare or use third party conformity assessment. If you previously used the CE mark you should follow the same rules to choose your method of conformity assessment.
 - Any conformity assessment activities undertaken by EU bodies before the end of 2022 will be considered as the basis for UKCA marking. See the <u>'Conformity Assessment and documentation'</u> page for further information
- Step 3: For third party conformity assessment only Identify an appropriate approved body.
 - You can identify UK Approved Bodies using the UK market conformity assessment bodies (UKMCAB)
 database.
- Step 4: Draft the technical documentation and Declaration of Conformity.
 - The UK Declaration of Conformity attests that the manufacturer or authorised representatives have ensured the safety of the product.
 - The contents of the UK Declaration of Conformity vary <u>depending on the product</u>.
- Step 5: Affix the UKCA marking and prepare to place your goods on the market
 - As the manufacturer, you must place the UKCA marking on the product itself or where the rules allow it, on the packaging or on accompanying documentation. You may appoint an authorised representative to do this for you. Until 31 December 2025, you have the option to affix the UKCA marking on a label affixed to the product or on an accompanying document. See the following page for further information.

WHERE TO FIND FURTHER GUIDANCE

- All gov.uk UKCA Guidance:
 - Placing Manufactured Products on the Market Collection
 - Using the UKCA Marking
 - Placing Manufactured Products on the Market in Great Britain
 - UKCA marking: conformity assessment and documentation
 - UKCA marking: roles and responsibilities
- Sign up to our webinars, covering different aspects of the guidance and dedicated Q&A sessions
- Email questions to the Goods Regulation Inbox: goodsregulation@beis.gov.uk