

BSI UKCA marking update

For products under the Construction Products Regulation.

What is UKCA marking and how does it affect me?

The UKCA (UK Conformity Assessed) marking is the new product marking that will be required for certain products placed on the market in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland). It covers most products that previously required the CE marking.

The UKCA marking will come into force on 1 Jan 2021 and after 31 December 2021 only products with UKCA marking will be accepted in Great Britain.

BSI will be an approved body (0086) for UKCA marking services and we can work with you on the required conformity assessment procedures that will allow you to affix the UKCA marking.

This update is provided to enable organizations prepare for the introduction of UKCA marking and is based on the current guidance published by **UK Government (Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy)** on 1 September 2020 and subsequently updated on 10 November 2020.

UKCA timeline in Great Britain:

1 January 2021

1 January 2022

UKCA marking comes into force

From 2022 only UKCA is recognized for market access to Great Britain

During 2021 product can be marked with either CE or UKCA marking (or both)

From 2022 CE marking is no longer recognized for market access to Great Britain

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What happens if I don't get my products UKCA marked?

Most CE marking certificates will not be recognized in Great Britain after 31 December 2021, so you need to act now to ensure you can continue to place your products on the GB market after 31 December 2021

If you currently hold a CE marking certificate issued by an EU27 notified body, you'll need to get a new UKCA certificate issued by a UK approved body. BSI can provide this service and you must do this before the end of 2021. After this date your CE marking certificate will no longer be valid to place products on the market in Great Britain.

If you currently hold a CE marking certificate for your product and it is issued by a UK notified body, then this certificate is likely to be transferred by them to a UKCA marking certificate as it will not be valid for CE marking from January 2021. If you are a BSI client with a CE marking certificate issued by our UK notified body we will automatically transfer this certificate to a UKCA marking certificate.

Trading within the EU27 will require you to have a valid CE marking certificate issued by an EU27 notified body. (If you have a certificate that has been issued by a UK notified body it will not be recognized in EU27 countries from 1 January 2021). The good news is that in readiness for the UK leaving the EU, BSI has invested in CE marking services from our Netherlands notified body which will enable clients to continue to trade in the EU27. Contact your local BSI office should you require this service.

What are the requirements for UKCA marking for CPR products?

At the time of writing this document from a technical perspective, the requirements between UKCA and CE marking remain the same for the time being. This means you will need to meet the requirements of the Construction Products Regulation (CPR) (EU) 305/2011. But you will need to affix the UKCA logo and not the CE logo.

How do I get a UKCA certificate?

BSI can issue UKCA marking certificates for products that fall within the Construction Products Regulation.

If you currently hold certificates to support CE marking and cannot obtain the UKCA mark from your current notified body then BSI can help. Depending upon the system of assessment and verification of constancy of performance (AVCP):

- We will need to review your existing certificates which you currently use to support CE Marking
- We will need to review your Initial Type Testing (ITT) reports that support your current CE marking

- We will carry out a review and determine if certificates can be issued based on a desk top review or if any tests or audits are required
- Once this has been reviewed and a recommendation made we will issue your UKCA marking certificate

What about trading in Northern Ireland?

This information relates to Certificates of Constancy of Performance and Certificates of Conformity for Northern Ireland manufacturers and construction products placed on the Northern Ireland Market. Please note, UK Government published guidance on the **UKNI mark** on 30 October, and due to the Northern Ireland (NI) Protocol, the NI market will be subject to different rules.

For manufacturers based in Northern Ireland and producing qualifying goods:

- You can continue to use the CE marking after 31 December 2020 for the NI, GB and EU27 markets without restriction, providing that there is no divergence in regulation or published standards

GB and other manufacturers supplying into Northern Ireland:

- Use the CE mark where certificates are issued by an EU Notified Body
- Use the CE and UKNI mark where certificates are issued by a UK approved body

Why BSI?

We are committed to working with you to build a trusted partnership as you grow your business for the long-term. When you need to keep up-to-date and comply with the latest regulatory requirements BSI is ideally placed to support your market access needs. As the UK National Standards Body with 83 offices worldwide, our global reach combined with our local presence means we are never far away and always on hand to work with you. What's more, our teams of trusted experts have an in-depth knowledge of standards and market access requirements that can enable you to successfully navigate the evolving regulatory landscape so your business remains resilient.