

BSI UKCA marking update

Products covered under the scope of Radio Equipment Regulations 2017 such as: equipment incorporating WiFi and/or Bluetooth, mobile phones, satellite transmitters, radio transmitters.

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

BSI is 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.

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 may need to act now to continue to trade.

If you currently hold a CE marking certificate issued by an EU27 notified body, you will need to get a new UKCA certificate issued by a UK approved body. BSI can provide this service. 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 to a UKCA marking certificate by your current UK notified body 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.

If you wish to continue to trade in the EU27, then you will also need 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).

What are the requirements for UKCA marking of Radio Equipment?

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 Radio Equipment Regulations, as amended by the Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.

Where harmonized standards have been applied in full, it is possible to demonstrate compliance through internal production control, type examination (Module B) or surveillance based on full quality assurance (Module H). Where harmonized standards have been partially applied or not used at all, then type examination or surveillance are the only options available.

We offer two routes to compliance:

- **Module B: Type examination**
- **Module H: Surveillance based on full quality assurance**

How do I get a UKCA certificate?

BSI can issue UKCA marking certificates for Radio Products. You will need to supply any existing CE certificates and test reports, design documentation (including photographs, instructions, circuit diagrams etc), evidence of ISO 9001 certification, a copy of your declaration of conformity as well as some additional documents. A checklist of these items can be found in our application form.

Once these has been fully reviewed and verified, we will issue your certificate.

We cannot offer CE certification for the Radio Equipment Directive at this time. But, if you are supplying evidence to support UKCA marking then we can accept any current CE marking-related documents from other notified bodies to support your application.

About BSI Kitemark certification

It's also possible to enhance your UKCA certification by applying for BSI Kitemark certification at the same time. Unique to BSI, this is a voluntary certification programme that complements UKCA marking, enables businesses to differentiate their products, and helps build trust with customers.

Act now to preserve access to the UK market, provide reassurance to your customers, remain compliant and build resilience in your business.

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.



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