



BSI UKCA marking update

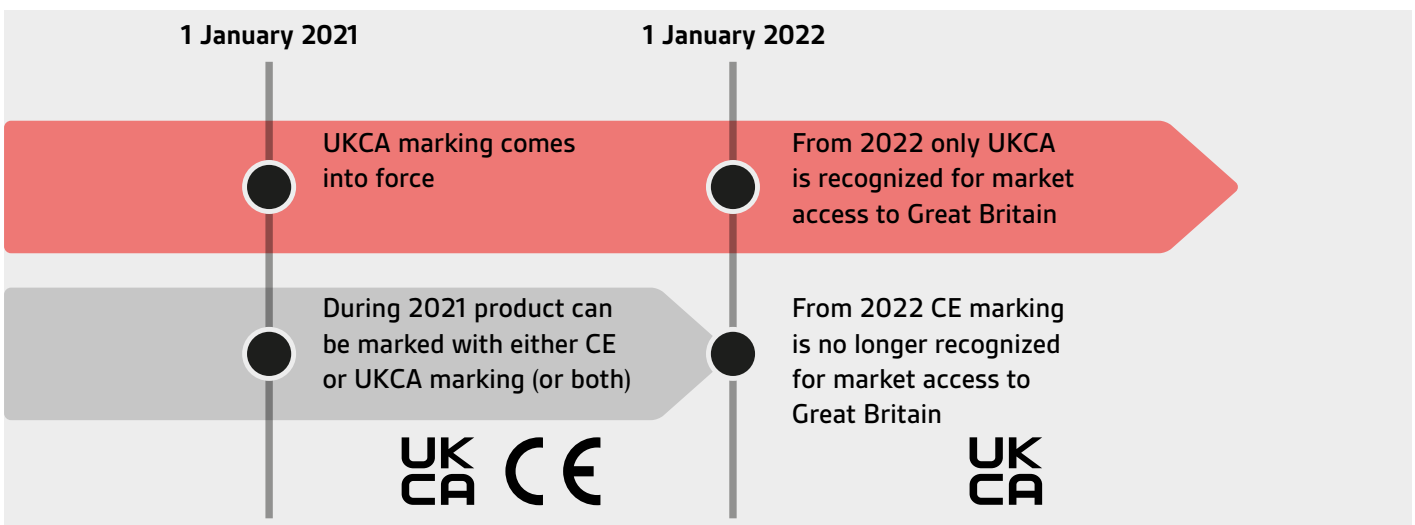
For Fire Equipment

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). The good news is that BSI can provide CE marking services from our Netherlands notified body.

What are the requirements for UKCA marking of fire 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 Statutory Instrument (SI) No 465 2019 the Construction Products (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019. (Which is the equivalent of the Construction Products Regulation (CPR) (EU) 305/2011 which applies to CE marking.)

How do I get a UKCA certificate?

BSI can issue UKCA marking certificates for fire equipment.

If you currently hold certificates to support CE marking and cannot obtain the UKCA mark from your current notified body then BSI can help. Most fire-related products are Attestation Level One which requires Initial Type Testing (ITT) and Factory Production Control (FPC) audits, followed by ongoing annual FPC visits.

- We will need to review your ITT reports that support your CE marking
- We will also need to review your latest FPC audits
- We then will need to review your technical files
- And finally we will need to review your existing certificates which you currently use to support 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, audits or other technical information is required
- Once this has been reviewed, is satisfactory and a recommendation made, we will issue your UKCA marking certificate

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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