

The image features a large, detailed photograph of a wooden ship's steering wheel with a green center, set against a background of white ropes and wooden panels. A large, semi-transparent red shape is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the UKCA logo in white, bold, sans-serif font.

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BSI UKCA marking update

For Marine 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 board UK registered ships in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland). It covers most products that previously required the MED "Wheelmark".

The UKCA marking will come into force for marine equipment from 1 January 2021, although MED "Wheelmark" will also be accepted for marine equipment placed on the market in Great Britain until 31 December 2022.

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.

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

Most MED "Wheelmark" certificates will not be recognized in Great Britain after 31 December 2022, so you may need to prepare now in order to trade in Great Britain beyond that date.

If you currently hold a MED "Wheelmark" 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 2022. After this date your MED "Wheelmark" certificates will no longer be valid to place products on the market in Great Britain.

If you currently hold a MED "Wheelmark" 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 MED "Wheelmark" from January 2021. If you are a BSI client with a MED "Wheelmark" 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 MED "Wheelmark" 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).

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What are the requirements for UKCA marking of Marine Equipment?

At the time of writing this document from a technical perspective, the requirements between UKCA and MED "Wheelmark" remain the same for the time being.

This means you will need to meet the requirements of the Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) Regulations (SI 2016/1025) as amended by the Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulation 2019 (SI 2019/470) & Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) (Amendment) (UK and US Mutual Recognition Agreement) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/1304).

There are further minor amendments to the above regulations which can be found at:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi>

You will need to update your marking details and Declarations of Conformity to address the requirements of the approved body in the UK.

UK mark of conformity



NNNN/YY or
NNNN/YYYY

NNNN – Approved Body number undertaking surveillance module.

YYYY –Year of affixing conformity mark

If you intend to apply the UKCA mark to an assembly of marine equipment (e.g. portable or transportable fire extinguisher) then all product that constitutes part of the assembly may need to be UKCA marked. So you may need to consider your supply chain in relation to this.

How do I get a UKCA certificate?

BSI can issue UKCA marking certificates for Marine Equipment (Product Category MED/1.2, MED/3.1, MED/3.2, MED/3.7, MED/3.18, MED/3.21, MED/3.29, MED/3.38, MED/3.41, MED/3.43, MED/3.46, MED/3.51, MED/3.52, MED/3.53, MED/3.55, MED/3.56, MED/3.70, MED/3.71, MED/7.1).

If you are a current MED "Wheelmark" certificate holder and cannot obtain the UKCA mark from your current notified body then BSI can help.

We would need to review your existing certificates used to support your MED "Wheelmark".

We would need to review all existing test and audit reports that support your current MED "Wheelmark" certification

We will conduct a review and determine if certification can be issued based on desk top review or if any tests or audits are required.

Once this has been reviewed and recommendation made we will issue your UKCA marking certificate

Important: all documents must either be in English language or be provided with authenticated translations. BSI can offer an authenticated translation service if required.

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.