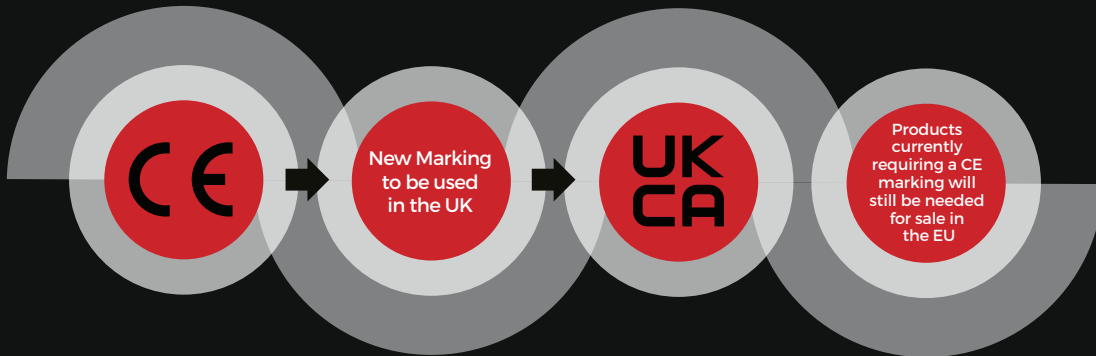


Product Approvals

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This information is the current interpretation as of September 2023 - Changes may take place which affect the below guidance.

Products Affected

The information provided in this document applies to all products that fall under the current CE marking regulations, with some exceptions;

Medical devices, cableways, construction products, unmanned aircraft systems, marine equipment, transportable pressure equipment, railway products and ecodesign all have different rules.

Timeline

Manufacturers are able to apply the UKCA mark immediately, in most cases the UKCA mark is voluntary. Previously, the UKCA marking deadline for most products was December 2024. The government released an update on 1st August 2023 extending the recognition of the CE mark, indefinitely.

Note - If a product is subject to mandatory third party conformity assessment AND you use a Notified Body in the UK that has NOT had certifications re-issued by an EU notified Body, the CE marking will not be valid

This means that you will have to place a UKCA mark on the product but the CE mark certification that has been issued by a UK notified body will no longer be valid and will need to be updated and will need to be updated and re-issued by a EU notified body.

Many UK notified bodies have been working on getting representation in Europe to enable them to update certificates. UK notified bodies will automatically become UK approved bodies from 1st January 2021.

Products will need to have two certificates - one for the EU and one for the UK.

Technical Differences

The technical requirements for UKCA marking are expected to mirror those of CE marking as outlined in the 'Blue Guide'.

Initially, the regulations are expected to remain similar but will change over time as the UK implement changes not adopted by the EU, or the EU makes changes not adopted by the UK.

Changes can take place during the 'standstill period', so companies will need to be vigilant and keep abreast of updates.

Products which currently comply with CE Conformity assessment procedures will need to be updated to demonstrate compliance with the UK statutory Instruments. These are the UK laws that are implemented for each of the European Directives.

The declaration of Conformity will need to be updated to reflect the correct UK Statutory Instruments and British Standards. Products that are to be sold in EU and UK will need two separate Declarations of Conformity one for the UK and one for the EU.

The Technical File that has been generated for the CE mark will be adequate as evidence for the UKCA mark. One Technical File is adequate. Regulations will change over time and evidence will be required to demonstrate compliance for both sets of regulations.

Authorised Representative

An entity who first places the product on the UK market becomes a UK importer.

An entity who first places the product on the EU market becomes an EU importer.

These entities assume the associated responsibilities of an importer.

When selling products into Europe you will need an EU address for the product, so either the importer puts their address on the packaging and therefore assumes responsibility or you can use an EU authorised representative office service.

UKCA requirements will mirror the CE marking rules which means that the manufacturer's name and address must be on the product, packaging, or associated documentation.

If the manufacturer is NOT established in the UK, then the name and address of the UK importer must also be on the product, packaging, or associated documentation.

The manufacturer may also use a UK authorised representative where their details need to be on the product, packaging, or associated documentation.



Below is a list of the UK Statutory Instruments against the EU directives.

EU legislation	UK legislation
Toy Safety - Directive 2009/48/EC	Toys (Safety) Regulations 2011
Recreational craft and personal watercraft - Directive 2013/53/EU	Recreational Craft Regulations 2017
Simple Pressure Vessels - Directive 2014/29/EU	Simple Pressure Vessels (Safety) Regulations 2016
Electromagnetic Compatibility - Directive 2014/30/EU	Electromagnetic Compatibility Regulations 2016
Low Voltage Directive 2014/35	Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016
Non-automatic Weighing Instruments - Directive 2014/31/EU	Non-automatic Weighing Instruments Regulations 2016
Measuring Instruments - Directive 2014/32/EU	Measuring Instruments Regulations 2016
Lifts - Directive 2014/33/EU	Lifts Regulations 2016
ATEX - Directive 2014/34/EU	Equipment and Protective Systems Intended for use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2016
Radio equipment - Directive 2014/53/EU	Radio Equipment Regulations 2017
Pressure equipment - Directive 2014/68/EU	Pressure Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016
Personal protective equipment - Regulation (EU) 2016/425	Personal Protective Equipment Regulations (Regulation (EU) 2016/425 as brought into UK law and amended)
Gas appliances - Regulation (EU) 2016/426	Gas Appliances (Product Safety and Metrology etc (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019)
Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC	Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008
Outdoor Noise Directive 2000/14/EC	Noise Emission in the Environment by Equipment for use Outdoors Regulations 2001
Directive 92/42/EEC hot-water boilers AND Ecodesign Directive 2009/125/EC	The Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products and Energy Information (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019
Restriction of the Use of certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS) - Directive 2002/95/EC	The Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2012

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