



USING THE UKCA MARKING

WHAT BUSINESSES NEED TO KNOW

The UK has left the EU. As a result, there are changes to how businesses place manufactured goods on the market.

The UKCA (UK Conformity Assessed) marking regime is a new product marking that is used for goods being placed on the market in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland). It covers most goods which previously required the CE marking and, like the CE mark, demonstrates that all the requirements of the legislation have been met.

You must be ready to use the UKCA marking from 1 January 2023 for most goods, although you should look to use the UKCA marking as soon as possible. There is an exception for [medical devices](#), which must use the UKCA marking by the 1 July 2023.



WHAT BUSINESSES NEED TO DO

Ensure your business has taken the necessary steps:

- **Step 1: Check whether your product needs the UKCA marking by visiting [here](#).** If your product was previously CE marked or used the reverse epsilon marking you will now need to use the UKCA marking.
- **Step 2: Check the appropriate route for conformity assessment.**
 - Check the [guidance](#) to work out whether you need to self-declare or use third party conformity assessment. If you previously used the CE mark you should follow the same rules to choose your method of conformity assessment.
- **Step 3: For third party conformity assessment only - Identify an appropriate approved body.**
 - You can identify UK Approved Bodies using the UK market conformity assessment bodies [\(UKMCAB\) database](#).
- **Step 4: Draft the technical documentation and Declaration of Conformity.**
 - The UK Declaration of Conformity attests that the manufacturer or authorised representatives have ensured the safety of the product.
 - The contents of the UK Declaration of Conformity vary [depending on the product](#).
- **Step 5: Affix the UKCA marking and prepare to place your goods on the market**
 - As the manufacturer, you must place the UKCA marking on the product itself or where the rules allow it, on the packaging or on accompanying documentation. You may appoint an authorised representative to do this for you.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are there areas where other rules to UKCA marking apply?

- It is mandatory to use the UKCA marking in [most cases](#) from 1 January 2023, except for [medical devices](#), which must use the UKCA marking by the 1 July 2023.

What is the status of existing CE stock that has not been placed on the market before 2023 in Great Britain?

- We have introduced a new legislation which allows products bearing CE mark can continue to be placed on the market until 1 January 2023.

Can you define 'Placing a good on the market'?

- A product is placed on the market when there is an offer or an agreement, verbal or written for the transfer of the ownership, possession or any other kind of right, excluding intellectual property rights, concerning the product. It applies to each individual good. See [Placing manufactured goods on the market in Great Britain](#).