



UK Government

# USING THE UKNI 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 in Northern Ireland.

The UKNI marking is a new conformity marking for products placed on the market in Northern Ireland (NI) which came into force on January 1, 2021. **You need to use it on your products, alongside the CE marking, if they have undergone mandatory third-party conformity assessment by a UK-based body.**

## WHEN SHOULD YOU USE THE UKNI MARK?

Third party conformity assessment



If you are using a UK Notified Body, you need to apply a UKNI marking, in addition to the CE marking i.e. CE + UKNI.

If you use an EU recognised Notified Body, you only need to apply the CE marking.

Self-declaration



If you **self-declare**, you should continue using the CE marking when placing goods on the market in NI and you must not add the UKNI marking.

## WHAT DO BUSINESSES NEED TO DO?

Ensure your business has taken the necessary steps:

- **Step 1: Check whether your product needs the UKNI marking by visiting [here](#).** If your product was previously CE marked or used the reverse epsilon marking you may now need to use the UKNI marking.
- **Step 2: Check whether your product needs third party conformity assessment.**
  - Check the [guidance](#) to work out whether the relevant regulations allow you to self-declare compliance or you must use third party conformity assessment body. If you were able to self-declare before the UK left the EU, you can continue to self-declare and use the CE marking.
- **Step 3: For third party conformity assessment only - Identify an appropriate notified body.**
  - You can identify UK Notified Bodies, for goods placed on the market in Northern Ireland, using the UK market conformity assessment bodies ([UKMCAB](#)) [database](#).
  - You can identify EU Notified Bodies using the New Approach Notified and Designated Organisations ([NANDO](#)) [website](#).
- **Step 4: Draft the technical documentation and EU Declaration of Conformity.**
  - The EU Declaration of Conformity attests that the manufacturer has ensured the safety of the product.
  - The contents of the EU Declaration of Conformity vary [depending on the product](#).
- **Step 5: Affix the CE marking and, where applicable, the UKNI marking and prepare to place your goods on the market.**
  - As the manufacturer, you must place the CE marking and, where applicable, the UKNI 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. Where a Notified Body is involved, the marking must be followed by the Notified Body's identification number.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Will UKCA marked goods be accepted on the NI market without the UKNI marking?**

- No, the valid markings for placing goods on the NI market will be the CE marking or the CE + UKNI markings. The UKCA marking can appear alongside the CE or the CE + UKNI markings if you are planning on selling your good on the GB and NI market and both sets of relevant rules have been met.

**Can you sell CE + UKNI marked goods in the EU?**

- No, products with the CE+UKNI marking cannot be sold in the EU. If your product requires mandatory third-party conformity assessment, you will need to use an EU Notified Body and then can CE mark your products.
- Under unfettered access, qualifying Northern Ireland goods that are CE marked from an EU notified body can be placed on the GB market without any requirements.

**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 Northern Ireland](#).