



EUROLAB Special Briefing

UKCA Policy Measures

The United Kingdom has announced new policy measures to further support businesses transitioning to UKCA marking. The UK Conformity Assessed (UKCA) mark is a mandatory mark on certain products, for example mobile phones, to indicate that they conform to Great Britain legislation. Businesses have until 1 January 2023 to start using UKCA marking which replaces the CE and reverse epsilon markings now that the country has left the European Union.

The government has been engaging extensively with industry to support businesses prepare for UKCA. Therefore, on 20 June 2022 they have announced a range of changes to make it simpler for businesses to apply new product conformity markings for most products placed on the market in England, Scotland and Wales:

Reducing re-testing costs:

Re-testing costs for UKCA certification will be reduced by allowing conformity assessment activities for CE marking completed by the 31 December 2022 to be used by manufactures as the basis for UKCA marking. This will reduce the immediate costs faced by manufacturers and will be valid until the expiry of their certificate or for 5 years (31 December 2027), whichever is sooner, reducing as well duplication and costs for businesses and by extension, consumers.

Removing the need to re-test existing imported stock:

This will allow CE marked products that are manufactured and imported into the UK by the end of 2022 to be sold, without the need to meet UKCA requirements. This will prevent the costly, and unnecessary re-labelling of existing stock for businesses.

Continuing to accept spare parts onto the GB market:

The UK will continue to accept spares onto the GB market which comply with the same requirements that were in place at the time the original products or systems they were being used to repair, replace or maintain were placed on the market. This will help to address concerns about the availability of spare parts and ensure businesses and organisations avoid disruption to their operations.

Extending labelling measures:

To make it cheaper and logistically easier for businesses to continue to supply goods to Great Britain, legislation will be brought forward to extend current labelling easements to allow important information and other UKCA markings to be added to products using a sticky label or an accompanying document.

They will continue to allow businesses to affix the UKCA marking, and to include importer information for products from EEA countries (and in some cases Switzerland), on an accompanying document or label until 31 December 2025. This will allow business to adjust their product design to accommodate marking changes at a convenient and cost-effective time.

Recognising historic testing on some construction products:

Manufacturers of construction products under AVCP system 3 – such as radiators, sealants and tile adhesives – whose products are tested by an EU notified body before 1 January 2023 will be able to obtain a UKCA mark without having to retest through a UK-approved body.

These changes do not apply to medical devices, construction products, cableways, unmanned aircraft systems, transportable pressure equipment, rail products and marine equipment. Departments responsible for these sectors are making sector specific arrangements.

Source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-make-it-simpler-for-businesses-to-apply-new-product-safety-markings>

Useful links:

[Guidance - Placing manufactured goods on the market in Great Britain](#)

[Guidance - Using the UKCA marking](#)

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