



**UK Government**

# Placing Goods on the GB and NI Markets: the new UKCA and UKNI Markings

Goods Intermediary Engagement Toolkit

# INTRODUCTION

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On 1 January 2021, a new regulatory regime came into force for manufactured goods, meaning changes for businesses.

Currently for most manufactured goods, businesses can still comply with EU rules (including applying the CE marking until 1 January 2023) for the UK market, but from 1 January 2023 businesses will need to comply with the new rules for the GB market (England and Scotland and Wales) including where required, applying the new UKCA marking.

This means we need businesses to make changes as soon as possible.

The rules are different for Northern Ireland and Northern Ireland-based businesses, this is also covered in this toolkit.

## How to use this toolkit

The information in this pack aims to support your communications with businesses to ensure they have the right information to comply with the new rules.

It outlines the key actions that businesses should be taking alongside other useful information such as FAQs and links to relevant guidance and support.

# CHECKLIST

This checklist is an easy way for you to see what you can do to support businesses preparing for the new regulations

## Help Businesses Get Ready

Publish links to the guidance on your website and social media (see pages 12-13)

Share social content via your social media channels. We have created an [online toolkit for you to copy from.](#)

Share our FAQs with businesses you work with and through your communications channels (see pages 11 – 12).

Encourage businesses to watch the online [explainer video.](#)

Encourage businesses you speak with to talk to their suppliers and international partners.

# KEY POINTS FOR BUSINESSES

## Placing goods on the market in GB

Businesses are **encouraged to be ready for the new UK goods regime as soon as possible**, at the latest before 1 January 2023, after which the new UKCA marking will be required to place goods on the market.

To **allow businesses time to adjust**, [goods in scope](#) can continue to be placed on the GB market using the CE marking 1 January 2023. This includes goods that have been assessed by an EU recognised notified body.

Businesses may have new importer responsibilities if they place goods on the GB market from outside the UK.

Northern Ireland-based businesses can place goods on the GB market with the CE or CE+UKNI marking as part of their 'unfettered access' to the rest of the UK.

## Placing goods on the market in NI

Northern Ireland continues to align with all relevant EU rules relating to the placing manufactured goods on the market.

This means that, where a business already holds the relevant approvals that goods meet EU rules, and continues to produce goods to those rules, a business will still be able to place these goods on the market in Northern Ireland.

Businesses will need to apply the UKNI marking alongside the CE marking if the relevant EU rules require mandatory third-party conformity assessment and they use a UK Conformity Assessment body.

Businesses may also have new importer responsibilities if you are placing goods from GB on the market in NI for the first time in either NI or the EU.

# KEY ACTIONS FOR BUSINESSES FOR THE GB MARKET

The list below is not exhaustive so you should encourage businesses to check the full guidance on gov.uk or speak to their lawyer or trade association for specific advice.

Action	Guidance
<p><b>Check if you need the UKCA marking</b></p> <p>The UKCA marking applies to all goods which previously needed the CE marking and are going to be placed on the GB (Scotland, England and Wales) market. Some goods types which previously did not require the CE mark, such as aerosols, will require the UKCA marking.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-marking?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-marking?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1</a></p>
<p><b>Check the appropriate route for conformity assessment</b></p> <p>Certain goods require third party conformity assessment by an approved testing body before they can use the UKCA mark, others can self-declare compliance.</p>	<p><b>List of areas where self-declaration is permitted:</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-market-in-great-britain?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1#more-information">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-market-in-great-britain?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1#more-information</a></p>

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Action	Guidance
<p><b>Draft the technical file and declaration of conformity.</b></p> <p>The contents of the UK Declaration of Conformity vary <u><a href="#">depending on the product</a></u>. There is a list of what could be included in the guidance.</p>	<p><u><a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-marking#how-to-use-the-ukca-marking">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-marking#how-to-use-the-ukca-marking</a></u></p>
<p><b>Affix the UKCA marking and prepare to place your goods on the market</b></p> <p><b>When the conformity assessment procedure is complete, either through self or third party assessment, you must affix the UKCA marking to your goods.</b></p>	<p><u><a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-marking#how-to-use-the-ukca-marking">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-marking#how-to-use-the-ukca-marking</a></u></p> <p><u><a href="#">Download UKCA mark image files (fill)</a></u> (ZIP, 818KB) <u><a href="#">Download UKCA mark image files (outline)</a></u> (ZIP, 2.03MB)</p>

# KEY ACTIONS FOR BUSINESSES FOR THE GB MARKET

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<p><b>Check your responsibilities if you import or distribute manufactured goods.</b></p> <p>You need to be clear whether you or your supplier is an “importer”.</p> <p>Importers have additional responsibilities to distributors, such as the requirement to place their address on the product or packaging.</p> <p>You’re an importer if you are established in the UK and place a product from a country outside of the UK on the GB market; this includes if you are established in NI and have been supplied with a product from the EEA which you then supply on the GB market.</p> <p>Importers must ensure that they only place compliant goods on the market; this includes that goods are labelled correctly (including with the importer’s name and details), have undergone the correct conformity assessment procedures, have the right markings and that all the technical documentation has been drawn up.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-market-in-great-britain?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eim&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1#check-your-legal-responsibilities">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-market-in-great-britain?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eim&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1#check-your-legal-responsibilities</a></p>

# KEY ACTIONS FOR BUSINESSES FOR THE NI MARKET

The list below is not exhaustive so you should encourage businesses to check the full guidance on gov.uk or speak to their lawyer or trade association for specific advice.

Action	Guidance
<p><b>Check if your product is covered by the UKNI marking</b></p> <p>If you <b>self-declare</b> or your conformity assessment is carried out by an EU Notified Body, <b>you can continue using the CE marking when placing goods on the market</b> in NI.</p> <p>If you use a UK conformity assessment body (a UK ‘notified body’) to carry out mandatory third-party conformity assessment you also need to apply a UKNI marking. You never apply the UKNI marking on its own - it always accompanies an EU conformity marking. Goods with a UKNI marking can not be placed on the market in the EU.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-market-in-northern-ireland?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-market-in-northern-ireland?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukni-marking?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukni-marking?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1</a></p> <p><a href="#">Download UKNI mark image files (fill) (ZIP, 35.3KB)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Download UKNI mark image files (outline) (ZIP, 58.2KB)</a></p>

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Action	Guidance
<p><b>Check your legal responsibilities for the NI market</b></p> <p>You'll become an 'importer', under the relevant EU product safety regulations, if you're the one bringing goods into NI for the first time from either GB or another non-EU country and placing them on the market in NI. If those goods have already been placed on the EU or NI market (for example by an EU-based importer, manufacturer or their Authorised Representative) then you do not need to take action.</p> <p>If you are the importer, you will need to make sure the goods meet the relevant EU rules, are labelled with your name and address, and that you maintain a copy of the relevant technical documents as well as other legal responsibilities.</p> <p>NI-based manufacturers, distributors and fulfilment service providers (from 16 July 2021) have different responsibilities and you should check the gov.uk guidance.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-market-in-northern-ireland?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-market-in-northern-ireland?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1</a></p>

# GUIDE TO MARKINGS BY MARKET

## EUROPEAN UNION ONLY

CE

## GREAT BRITAIN ONLY

UK  
CA

## NORTHERN IRELAND ONLY

CE<sup>OR</sup> CE UK  
NI

## GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

UK  
CA  
+  
CE<sup>OR</sup> CE UK  
NI

**NB: It is possible to place both the UKCA and CE marking on a product if it meets both sets of regulation. Under the terms of NI's 'unfettered access', NI-based businesses can sell goods in GB with the CE or CE+UKNI**

# FAQS ON THE NEW UKCA MARKING

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## Are there areas where other rules apart from the UKCA marking apply?

- It is mandatory to use the UKCA marking in [most cases](#) from 1 January 2023, though there is an exception for [medical devices](#) which have a longer period of time [2.5 years from 1 January 2021].

## What is the status of existing CE stock that has not been placed on the market before the end of 2022 in Great Britain?

- If existing stock is first placed on the market after 1 January 2023, it will require the UKCA marking.

## 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. See [Placing manufactured goods on the market in Great Britain](#).

# FAQS ON THE NEW UKCA MARKING

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## **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 + UKNI markings if you are planning on selling your good on the GB and NI market.

## **Will products marked UKNI and CE marked products manufactured in NI be accepted on the rest of the UK market?**

- The UK Government has guaranteed unfettered access for Northern Ireland goods to the rest of the UK market, which means qualifying NI goods carrying the CE marking or the CE + UKNI markings will be accepted on the GB market without the need for additional markings or approvals. This only applies to Northern Ireland-based businesses. See [Placing qualifying Northern Ireland goods on the GB market here.](#)

## **Can I use conformity assessment bodies based anywhere in the UK to certify my product for the NI market?**

- Yes. Conformity assessment bodies in the UK automatically retained their status as Notified Bodies for placing products on the NI market only. EU Conformity assessment bodies can also be used for NI.

# Guidance links

# GUIDANCE

We have published extensive guidance to help businesses make the necessary changes.

Guidance	Covers	Link
<b>Placing Manufactured Goods on the GB Market</b>	What you need to do to comply with regulations on manufactured goods you place on the GB market.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-market-in-great-britain?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-market-in-great-britain?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1</a>
<b>Placing Manufactured Goods on the NI market</b>	What you need to do to comply with regulations on manufactured goods you place on the Northern Ireland market.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-market-in-northern-ireland?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-market-in-northern-ireland?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1</a>
<b>Placing Manufactured Goods on the EU Market</b>	What you need to do to comply with regulations on manufactured goods you place on the EU market.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-eu-market?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-eu-market?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1</a>
<b>Using the UKCA Marking</b>	Whether you need to use the UKCA marking and how to use it.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-marking?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-marking?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1</a>
<b>Using the UKNI Marking</b>	Whether you need to use the new UKNI marking and how to use it.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukni-marking?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukni-marking?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1</a>

# GUIDANCE

Guidance has also been published on sector specific changes.

Guidance	Covers	Link
<b>Medical Devices</b>	What you need to do to place a medical device on the Great Britain, Northern Ireland and European Union (EU) markets.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/regulating-medical-devices-in-the-uk?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/regulating-medical-devices-in-the-uk?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1</a>
<b>Rail Interoperability</b>	What you need to do when placing interoperability constituents on the market in Great Britain.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rail-transport-domestic-and-cross-border-operations?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1#interoperability-constituents">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rail-transport-domestic-and-cross-border-operations?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1#interoperability-constituents</a>
<b>Construction Products</b>	What you need to do to place construction products on market in Great Britain.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/construction-products-regulation-in-great-britain?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/construction-products-regulation-in-great-britain?utm_campaign=transition_p5&amp;utm_medium=organic&amp;utm_source=ogd_beis_eml&amp;utm_content=ukb_act1</a>
<b>Civil Explosives</b>	What you need to do to place civil explosives on the Great Britain and Northern Ireland markets.	<a href="https://www.hse.gov.uk/explosives/cemarking/index.htm">https://www.hse.gov.uk/explosives/cemarking/index.htm</a>