



UKCA Mark – An update for Toys & Juvenile Products

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Agenda



- Brexit background
- What is the UKCA mark?
- When to use the UKCA mark and what products does it apply to?
- How to use the UKCA mark and what about CE marking?
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Brexit background

- The United Kingdom formally left the European Union on January 31, 2020
- A transition period until midnight Central European Time on December 31, 2020 was agreed
- This period allowed the continued application of rules and regulations
- The UKCA mark was introduced for use in the UK market from January 1, 2021
- However, the UK Government has allowed for the continued use of the CE mark in the UK until January 1, 2023 (extended by a year from the initial date of January 1, 2022)



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What is the UKCA Mark?

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- UKCA replaced the CE mark in the UK
- All UK based Notified Bodies (NB) lost their status on December 31, 2020
- UKCA mark is mandatory for products assessed by UK Approved Bodies from January 1, 2021, voluntary for all others until January 1, 2023
- UKCA mark will be required on products subject to the UK equivalent legislation to all of the EU Directives/Regulations that require CE marking
- UK NB became Approved Bodies
- Two year transition period from CE to UKCA
- For Northern Ireland the CE mark continues to be required

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Products covered by the UKCA Mark

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Explosives • Construction Products • Gas Appliances • Low Voltage Electrical Equipment • Lifts • Marine • Machinery • Measuring Equipment • Medical Devices • Non Automatic Weighing Equipment • Personal Protective Equipment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio Equipment • Rail Interoperability • Recreational craft and Personal water craft • Simple Pressure vessels • Toys • ATEX • EMC Directive • Restriction of Hazardous Substances • Outdoor Noises • Ecodesign • Aerosols |
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UKCA Approved Bodies have replaced Notified Bodies

- UK Approval Bodies implemented from January 1, 2021
 - UK will mirror current EU CE Marking Legislation and existing harmonized standards
 - These will be known as designated standards in the UK
- Manufacturers can place CE marked products, via an EU Notified Body, onto the UK Market until the end of 2022
- After January 1, 2023 manufacturers must obtain UKCA marking via a UK Approval Body, in addition to CE Marking for Europe
- The process of certification and testing will remain the same, with submission of applications, contracts raised and technical reviews conducted
 - This will include annual surveillance audits if appropriate (as it does now)

Further information as it is released: www.sgs.co.uk/Brexit

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Application of the UKCA Mark

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mark may only be applied to products in accordance with the specific Regulations which apply to that product by the Manufacturer or their Authorized Representative • The mark must not be applied to any product which does not fall within the scope of at least one Regulation which requires the application of the mark and by applying the UKCA mark the Manufacturer (or the Authorized Representative) is taking responsibility for the compliance of the product with all applicable legislation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mark will generally be required to be applied to the product itself unless the Regulations allow it to be applied to the packaging or accompanying documentation • The mark may be reduced or enlarged as long as the proportion and ratio remains the same. The minimum size of the mark is generally 5 mm and it must be applied securely and in a way that its meaning may not be misconstrued • Manufacturers may choose to add both the CE and UKCA marks on a product as long as both the UK and EU compliance conditions are met |
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Self certified toys & electrical products

- Toys and most common electricals will continue to be self-certified unless they require Type Examination
- During 2021 and 2022 importers/manufacturers in the UK can continue to apply the CE mark but should try to switch to the UKCA mark as soon as possible
- UK Products will require a UK business name/address (that of the Importer or Manufacturer who is the responsible party that will be contacted by enforcement in the event of a problem or complaint)
- All other testing requirements will remain the same for now although there will be some impact within REACH for those registering or notifying
- A UK specific Declaration of Conformity (DOC) must be created for the toy technical file, this mirrors the EC DOC currently required for CE marked products with changes to the title and name/address and references to UK harmonized regulations the key differences

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Toys & electricals – if placed on the EU & UK market

- The CE Mark will continue to be necessary for the EU and NI and the UKCA Mark will also be required if also sold in the UK, meaning products will require both marks and dual addresses, a UK business address for the UK CA mark and an EU business address for the CE mark
- Short term testing requirements remain the same for both markets, with some possible minimal additions for the UK in the longer term
- In the event of a Type Examination being required third party certification will have to be carried out twice, by both a UK Approved Body and an EU Notified Body
- Northern Ireland will continue to operate the CE mark and follow the same requirements as the EU unless a product has had a conformity assessment carried out in the UK, then it can carry the UK NI mark specific to that market
- Some EU Member States are likely to require an EC Declaration of Conformity in the native language before entry



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