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UKCA marking (UK Conformity Assessed goods)

- UKCA marking is a new UK product marking for goods being placed on the market in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland)
- Covers most goods which previously required the CE marking
- Goods placed on the Northern Ireland market require the CE marking or [UKNI marking](#)
- Technical requirements ('essential requirements') incl. conformity assessment processes and standards are largely the same as they are for the CE marking
- Circumstances for self-declaration of conformity for UKCA marking are the same as for CE marking
- Product areas covered by the UKCA marking:
 - Toy safety / Recreational craft and personal watercraft / Simple pleasure vessels
 - Electromagnetic compatibility / Non-automatic weighing instruments / Measuring instruments
 - Lifts / ATEX / Radio equipment / Pressure equipment / Personal protective equipment
 - Gas appliances / Machinery / Equipment for use outdoors / Ecodesign / Aerosols /
 - Low voltage electrical equipment / Restriction of hazardous substances





UKCA marking (UK Conformity Assessed goods)

- The UKCA marking came into effect on 1 January 2021
- The CE marking can be used in most cases until 1 January 2022
- If the EU changes its rules and product is CE-marked on the basis of those new rules, CE marking isn't valid in Great Britain, even before 31 December 2021
- You need to use the new UKCA marking **before** 1 January 2022 if **all** of the following apply:
 - Product is for the market in Great Britain*
 - Covered by legislation which requires the UKCA marking*
 - Requires mandatory third-party conformity assessment*
 - Conformity assessment has been carried out by a UK conformity assessment body*
 - Does not apply to existing stock – products fully manufactured and ready before 1 January 2021*
- Separate guidance for [medical devices](#), [rail interoperability](#), [construction products](#) and [civil explosives](#)
- [UK Conformity Assessment Bodies](#) database – currently 126 registered bodies in the UK
- Further guidance on [placing manufactured goods on the market in the UK](#)



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Authorised Representative

- Great Britain does not recognise authorised representatives and responsible persons based in the EU
- For products [placed on the GB market](#) there needs to be an authorised representative or responsible person in the UK

Legal responsibilities to consider:

Manufacturers

- Ensuring product compliance with relevant GB rules
- Documentation such as declaration of conformity

The first company bringing goods from outside the UK and placing them on the market in Great Britain is the importer of the goods

Importers have the responsibility to ensure:

- Goods are labelled with importer's name and contact address. After 31 Dec 2022 these details must be affixed to the product, or in some cases, on the packaging or accompanying document
- Correct conformity assessment procedures have been carried out and goods have correct conformity markings
- Manufacturer has drawn up correct technical documentation and complied with labelling requirements
- Maintain a copy of the declaration of conformity for 10 years
- Goods conform with the relevant essential requirements

Information about [labelling requirements](#)

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Manufactured goods – Chemicals

- The UK REACH regulatory framework mirrors EU REACH as far as possible – BUT they are independent systems
- The [Health and Safety Executive](#) (HSE) is the UK agency under UK REACH
- Companies from both markets have ‘3rd country’ status in the other
- GB companies importing chemicals directly from EU suppliers change from downstream users to importers
- All existing GB-held EU REACH registrations, authorisations, and imported substances remained valid at the end of the Transition Period

Existing GB-held EU REACH registrants >> 120 days to provide UK authorities with initial information

Importers of substances from EU based registrants >> 300 days to provide UK authorities with initial information

- Companies then have 2, 4 or 6 years beginning after the 300 days (28 Oct 2021) for full registrations to be completed
- Deadlines depend on tonnage bands and hazard profile, with the highest tonnage and most hazardous chemicals first
- Northern Ireland: Existing NI-based EU REACH registrations will remain valid. GB-based EU REACH registrations are no longer valid in Northern Ireland



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Manufactured goods – Chemicals – actions for businesses

Option 1: GB customer will register substance under UK REACH

- Use of 'notification' provision is available for GB downstream users to ensure continuity of supply >> notification to the regulator (the HSE) within 300 days of the end of the Transition Period (28 Oct 2021)
- Substance needs to be registered within the deadline according to tonnage band and hazard profile

Option 2: Exporter will register the substance under UK REACH, using GB-based entity

- Registration is possible by GB-based Only Representative or an affiliate GB importer
- Downstream users may make use of the notification process until registration obligations are taken up by GB-based entity
- GB customers will retain downstream users status

Both options will be classed as new registrations and registration fees will apply

- Registration under UK REACH means setting up an account on [Comply with UK REACH](#)

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