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## UK EXTENDS ACCEPTANCE OF CE MARKING **EQUIPMENT INTO GREAT BRITAIN**

In December 2020, it was announced that the UKCA (UK Conformity Assessed) marking will be in use for goods being placed on the market in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland), which covers most goods which previously required the CE marking, from 1 January 2021 and that businesses will have until 1 January 2022 to use EU's CE marking.

On August 24th, 2021, the UK government had announced that "to allow businesses time to adjust, CE marked goods in scope of this guidance that meet EU requirements (where these match UK requirements) can continue to be placed on the GB market until 1 January 2023 where EU and UK requirements remain the same. This includes goods which have been assessed by an EU recognised notified body."

See here for the official announcement.



The table below illustrates the accepted markings on each relevant market:

	TYPE OF GOOD	ACCEPTED MARKINGS OR COMBINATION OF MARKINGS
Placing goods on the market in Great Britain	Manufactured goods being placed on the GB market until the end of 2022	UKCA or CE
	Manufactured goods placed on the GB market from January 2023	UKCA
Placing qualifying Northern Ireland goods on the market in Great Britain (unfettered access)	Qualifying Northern Ireland goods being placed on the GB market under unfettered access	CE or CE and UKNI

For manufacturers, you are responsible for:

- ensuring your product complies with the relevant GB rules
- drawing up documentation such as the declaration of conformity

As an importer, you'll need to make sure that:

- goods are labelled with your company's details, including your company's name and a contact address are affixed to the product or, in circumstances where the legislation allows, on the packaging or an accompanying document after 31 December 2022
- the correct conformity assessment procedures have been carried out and that goods have the correct conformity markings
- the manufacturer has drawn up the correct technical documentation and complied with their labelling requirements
- you maintain a copy of the declaration of conformity for a period of 10 years
- goods conform with the relevant essential requirements

As a global leader in testing, inspection and certification, SGS have the knowledge and expertise to assess your products to ensure they meet requirements for sale and distribution in different countries around the world, including the Great Britain market.

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