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BSI PPE UKCA marking update

For Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

What is UKCA marking and how does it affect me?

The UKCA (UK Conformity Assessed) marking is the new product marking that will be required for certain products placed on the market in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland). It covers most products that previously required the CE marking.

The UKCA marking came into force on 1 January 2021 and after 31 December 2022 only products with UKCA marking will be accepted in Great Britain.

BSI is an approved body (0086) for UKCA marking services and we can work with you on the required conformity assessment procedures that will allow you to affix the UKCA marking.

What happens if I don't get my products UKCA marked?

Most CE marking certificates will not be recognized in Great Britain after 31 December 2022, so you may need to act now to continue to trade.

If you currently hold a CE marking certificate issued by an EU27 notified body, you will need to get a new UKCA certificate issued by a UK approved body. BSI can provide this service. You must do this before the end of 2022. After this date your CE marking certificate will no longer be valid to place products on the market in Great Britain.

If you currently hold a CE marking certificate for your product and it is issued by a UK notified body, then this certificate is likely to be transferred to a UKCA marking certificate by your current UK notified body as it will not be valid for CE marking from January 2021. If you are a BSI client with a CE marking certificate issued by our UK notified body we will automatically transfer this certificate to a UKCA marking certificate.

If you wish to continue to trade in the EU27, then you will also need to have a valid CE marking certificate issued by an EU27 notified body. (If you have a certificate that has been issued by a UK notified body it will not be recognized in EU27 countries from 1 January 2021). The good news is that BSI can provide CE marking services from our Netherlands notified body.

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What are the requirements for UKCA marking of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)?

At the time of writing this document from a technical perspective, the requirements between UKCA and CE marking remain the same for the time being.

This means you will need to meet the requirements of the Personal Protective Equipment Regulations, as amended by the Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. UKCA will follow the same modules (e.g. B, C2 and D) and categorizations as per the PPE Regulations. There is a specific list of 'Designated Standards' which will show a presumption of conformity for UKCA marking and these can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/designated-standards-ppe>

In order to get a UKCA mark, the manufacturer placing the product onto the market will have to submit a technical file containing the same information as they would do for CE marking with the main differences being the product marking, user instructions and a modified declaration of conformity. Manufacturers who have CE certification with BSI can update their existing technical files with these three pieces of information in order to get issued a UKCA mark.

As the UK is mirroring the European PPE Regulation, there will be specific obligations on importers and distributors as per Article 10 and 11 of the PPE Regulation.

How do I get a UKCA certificate?

BSI can issue UKCA marking certificates for Personal Protective Equipment products. The process is as follows:

If you have an existing Module B certification with BSI we will need to review your existing certificates used to support your CE marking, we will not require any additional test reports as long as the product meets one of the designated standards.

If you have an existing Module C2 or D on-going surveillance certification with BSI we will need to review your existing certificates used to support your CE marking, we will not require any additional test reports or extra surveillance visits and going forward we can combine CE and UKCA audits together.

If you have an existing Module B certification with another Notified Body we will need to review your UKCA technical file and test reports as long as they are satisfactory, current to the product, from a reputable test laboratory, ideally with ISO 17025 accreditation and the product meets one of the designated standards.

If you have an existing Module C2 or D for on-going surveillance certification with another Notified Body we will need to review your last surveillance audit reports for Module D or test reports for Module C2 application. These must be less than 12 months old and have been used to support your existing CE marking. As long as these are valid and satisfactory, we will not require any additional test reports or extra surveillance visits at the application stage, but will need to set on-going surveillance using BSI assessors for Module D audits or test houses for Module C2 testing going forward.

Once this has been reviewed we will issue your UKCA marking certificate.

You may also be interested in:

We run BSI Kitemark certification schemes for PPE using the same test data that a manufacturer would use for CE/UKCA marking. If you wish to learn more about Kitemark certification, which can be an effective way to differentiate your products, please talk to us.

Act now to preserve access to the UK market, provide reassurance to your customers, remain compliant and build resilience in your business.

Why BSI?

We are committed to working with you to build a trusted partnership as you grow your business for the long term. When you need to keep up-to-date and comply with the latest regulatory requirements BSI is ideally placed to support your market access needs. As the UK National Standards Body with 83 offices worldwide, our global reach combined with our local presence means we are never far away and always on hand to work with you. What's more, our teams of trusted experts have an in-depth knowledge of standards and market access requirements that can enable you to successfully navigate the evolving regulatory landscape so your business remains resilient.



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