



UKCA Marking for Electrical Products – Guidance for Distributors, Wholesalers and Retailers

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From 1st January 2023 the use of UKCA marking will become mandatory in Great Britain (GB) for a number of product types that are currently CE marked. UKCA marking can also be applied currently on a voluntary basis. You should however note the following points:

Existing Stocks

Anything that is already in your stocks or is in the stocks of your GB supplier and already subject to a sales agreement on 1st January 2023 will not require any additional marking and is valid with CE marking only. This includes products supplied to GB manufacturers by their non-GB sister companies where the sale took place before 1st January 2023. Also, a spare part supplied to repair, replace or maintain an existing product or system that was supplied before 1st January 2023 may be accepted with only CE marking.

Northern Ireland

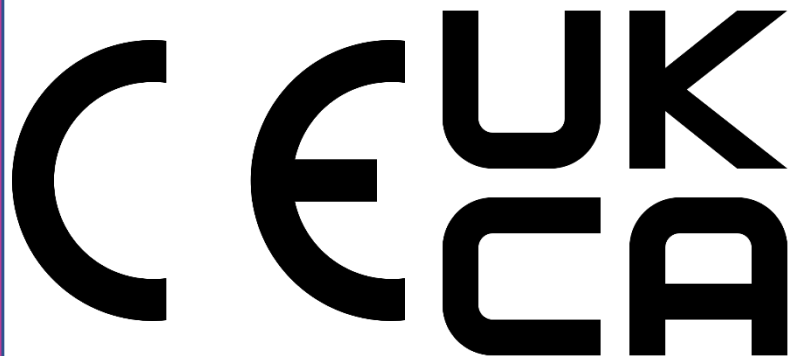
Any products supplied by Northern Ireland (NI) manufacturers can continue to be sold in GB with CE marking only. Those NI products that are required to have mandatory conformity third-party testing, and this is carried out by a UK test house, will have a UKNI marking to accompany the CE marking.

Location of UKCA marking

The UKCA mark may sometimes not be affixed on the product itself but instead be on a label, on packaging or on an accompanying document. Such documents could include manuals, instructions, invoices or shipping documents. This will apply to all products until the end of 2025 but for products where size, shape or other practical or economic reasons make it impractical to affix the mark directly to the product, the UKCA marking may continue to be on packaging or documentation.

Construction Products

This guidance deals primarily with the Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016, which cover most electrical products. Products covered by the Construction Products Regulations are not subject to the same end-date as most other products so may not require UKCA marking until a later date.



Dual CE and UKCA marking

As most products will be intended for global sales they will have both CE and UKCA marking. At present the regulations and related standards are likely to be the same for both purposes and you may find a Declaration of Conformity (DoC) or Declaration of Performance (DoP) for both CE and UKCA which are almost identical apart from the having either EU or UK Regulations referenced.

Importer responsibilities

Some GB Distributors of products will now be considered to be the Importer where products are bought directly from outside GB. Where this applies, the Importer must both ensure that they have the product's DoC/DoP and that they have checked that the Manufacturer or their Authorised Representative has the relevant technical documentation for conformity available in case of a request from Trading Standards. The Importer name and address in GB must also accompany the product to onward customers.

Note 1: "distributor" means any person in the supply chain, other than the manufacturer or the importer, who makes electrical equipment available on the market.

Note 2: You're an importer if you're the first one bringing goods from outside the UK and placing them on the market in Great Britain. If someone has already placed a good on the UK market before you sell it in Great Britain, you will remain a distributor and will not have any additional responsibilities.

Note 3: Authorised representative: The manufacturer's obligations may be fulfilled by the manufacturer's authorised representative, on his behalf and under his responsibility, provided that they are specified in the mandate.

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