



UKCA Mark - The British counterpart to CE-Mark (Europe)

**The UK has left the EU -
and the transition period after Brexit expires this year.**

What does this mean with the knowledge of today?

- UKCA Mark generally applies from January 1, 2021
- The transition period (CE acceptance) is valid until December 31, 2021:
 - > Customers can continue to import goods into the UK that are CE marked and were placed on the market before 31 December 2021
- As of January 1, 2022, all products imported into the UK need to comply with the national regulations of the British government and, if necessary, undergo a certification process at a UK CAB (Conformity Assessment Body) based in the UK
- UK-based notified bodies will become UK approved bodies

So far the following points have been defined

- Current NB (notified bodies) within the UK will lose their Certification Body status and will no longer be allowed to certify under the RED!
- Initially, existing NB might not be permitted to certify according the UKCA procedure.

Important aspects for manufacturers whose products are already on the market

- **EU27 market:** If you had the approval of your product carried out by a UK NB according to RED, it is now required to apply for a TEC from an EU27 NB.
- **UK market:** If you had the approval carried out by an RED NB, it is now required to apply for a „UK TEC“ from a national „UK NB“. It is solely up to the UK to decide whether the CE mark will be recognized until December 31, 2021 for products already on the market.
- **Northern Ireland:** According to the EU-UK treaty (EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement), Northern Ireland is still treated according to EU27.
- For newly launched products the separation between the EU27 market and the UK market applies from the beginning.

How will this affect CTC advanced GmbH, as your certification partner?

The new UK legal framework and the technical requirements for becoming a UK approved body will be broadly the same as they are now. A mutual exchange between EU notified bodies and UK approved bodies is assumed.

We do not yet have any information on whether it is required for EU NB to set up as a UK CAB.

However, you can stay assured that we are taking care of this matter to continue to provide you with the best possible support for your UK certification.

With this information we would like to keep you up to date on what we now as of today regarding the start of UKCA Mark on January 1, 2021. Of course, we will update our information for you if anything changes.

You can also stay informed yourselves by:

<https://www.ukas.com/services/accreditation-services/notified-body-accreditation/>

<https://www.gov.uk/transition>