Brexit Information -
What our customers should know by today

The UK has left the EU –
What does this mean with the knowledge of today?

• The new national marking requirements (UKCA Mark) generally apply from January 1, 2021.
• The transition period (CE acceptance for products that are already placed onto market) is valid from now on until December 31, 2021:
  > Customers can continue to import goods into the UK that are CE marked and were placed on the market before December 31, 2020.
  > Customers must follow the UKCA marking requirements and comply with the new UK legislation to import new goods into the UK which are placed onto market after January 01, 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 approved body based in the UK.
• Notified bodies currently based in the UK will become UK approved bodies.

The following points have been defined so far
• Current NB (notified bodies) within the UK will automatically lose their Certification Body status and will no longer be allowed to certify under the RED.
• Initially, existing EU27 NB might not be permitted to certify according to the UKCA procedure.

Important aspects for manufacturers whose products will be placed onto market during the transition period
• 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 new certificate from a UK approved body.
• It is solely up to the UK to decide whether the CE mark will be recognized until December 31, 2021 for products that are already on the market.
• Northern Ireland: According to the EU-UK treaty (EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement), Northern Ireland is still treated according to EU27. There are special rules taking into account the hybrid situation of NI between UK and EU. Please do not hesitate to ask us if we can assist you with the specific marking requirements.
• For newly launched products the separation between the EU27 market and the UK market applies from the beginning.

The new UK legal framework and the technical requirements for the approval process will be broadly the same as they are now. We are pleased to assist you in fulfilling the market requirements in case your product is under UK self declaration (former EU Declaration of Conformity). During the self declaration process, it is important to follow the new rules of the UK by using the appropriate terminology regarding DoC and applicable legislation. The test standards under the RED will be adopted by the UK on December 31, 2020 but they will be listed as “BS EN” standard for the UK market in future.

How will this affect CTC advanced GmbH, as your certification partner?
We do not yet have any information on whether it is possible for us as an EU27 NB to gain the status of a UK approved body. This will be subject to a mutual recognition which must be implemented as an agreement between the European government and the UK government.
However, you can stay assured that we are taking care of this matter so that we can 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 know as of today regarding the consequences of Brexit starting on January 1, 2021. Of course, we will update our information for you if anything changes. Any of this information is subject to change in case of a deal between the EU and the UK.

Please find more information and guidance about the new legislation for UK under the following official links: