



## Brexit Information - What our customers should know by today

### The UK has left the EU - How does the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement influence our business?

- The acceptance period for CE marked products has been extended once again in order to allow business time to adjust to the new national marking requirements (UKCA Mark)
  - The transition period covers existing and new CE marked products and is extended until December 31, 2021
- > **Customers can continue to import goods into the UK that are CE marked until December 31, 2021**
- > **Customers must be prepared to follow the UKCA marking requirements and comply with the new UK legislation** to import goods into the UK which are placed onto market after January 01, 2022.
- 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.
  - Former EU notified bodies based within the UK are transferred to the status of UK approved bodies.
  - Former notified bodies based within the UK have lost their Certification Body status and are no longer be allowed to certify under the RED.
  - The remaining EU27 NBs are not yet permitted to certify according to the UKCA procedure but conformity assessment under RED will be accepted until December 31, 2021 by the UK.
  - If your product requires mandatory third-party conformity assessment and the conformity assessment has been carried out by a UK conformity assessment body, the UKCA marking procedure must be followed from now on regardless of the transition phase.

### 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, this approval will be accepted until the end of the transition period. Afterwards, it will be required to apply for a new certificate from a UK approved body.
- **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.

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, the CE conformity assessment procedure will be accepted until December 31, 2021. Afterwards, it is important to follow the new rules of the UK by applying the UK legislation and their references. **The test standards under the RED have been adopted by the UK on December 31, 2020 and they will be listed as long as no technical changes occur as "EN" standard. If technical deviations arise in future, the UK government may introduce new standards addressing these deviations.**

### 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 of the conformity assessment bodies 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. We will update our information for you if anything changes.**

Please find more information and updated guidance about the transition period and the new legislation for UK under the following official links: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-market-in-great-britain-from-1-january-2021>  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-mark-from-1-january-2021>