



UKCA (United Kingdom Conformity Assessed) Product Compliance

Dear Valued Customer,

As you may be already aware as part of the UK withdrawal from the European Union the CE conformity product marking will no longer be valid for certain products as of 1st January 2025. As of this date all applicable products intended for the Great British market will be required to be compliant with the UKCA product regulations.

What is UKCA?

UKCA is a new product marking that will be required on the majority of products that previously required the CE mark. The legislation allowing UKCA marking came into force on 1st January 2021 and therefore is currently recognised, however the CE mark is being continued to be accepted until 31st December 2024. This period of transition allowing CE marking is to provide businesses and product manufactures time to transition over to the new requirements. The Great British market includes England, Scotland and Wales. Although still part of the UK, Northern Ireland will still be accepting the CE marking and the new UKNI product marking.

Depending on the product and the requirements set by UK legislation there is a set of technical requirements that products must meet to enable there access to the Great British market. Currently the European Union product safety directives and the UK Legislations are aligned. As such the majority of products that are CE marks can be UKCA marked. The majority of the work will be within the associated technical file to translate this from a CE technical pack to a UKCA version.

Further information pertaining to UKCA can be found at the following web address:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-marking>

WIKAL and UKCA

Upon the announcement of the UKCA marking WIKAL set up a working group to ensure uninterrupted product supply into the GB market. WIKAL UK's Quality and Compliance department has been working with the dedicated Corporate Product Compliance team and Product Approval Co-ordinators in each manufacturing division to ensure all products are UKCA marked ready for the 1st January 2025. This working group is continually monitoring the UK Governments communications and attending dedicated UKCA webinars to ensure that WIKAL products are fully compliant with the legislations and advice given by the Department of Business Energy and Industrial Strategy. Quality

Currently all products previously CE marked and are destined for the GB market are on course to be UKCA marked for 1st January 2025. Customers should expect to receive products with UKCA marking with increased frequency. This is due to manufacturing facilities being encouraged to UKCA mark as soon as possible and approvals now in place. The UKCA product approval for WIKAL products is being added whilst where possible maintaining the current approvals already in place.

If your business has any questions regarding UKCA and WIKAL products or requires further assistance please do not hesitate to contact your usual sales representative and we will support requests where possible.

Yours faithfully,
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