

# **NEWSLETTER**

# **UK Given Two Additional Years to Accept CE Marking**

On 2022-11-14, the UK Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy announced the extension of the deadline for the continuous recognition of the CE marking.

It is now confirmed that for the UK market (England, Wales and Scotland), acceptance of the CE marking will continue for a further 2 years. During this period, the new UKCA (UK Conformity Assessed) or the existing CE markings will both be valid.

The reasons cited for extending the original deadline (2022-12-31) for the compulsory application of the UKCA marking are the difficult economic conditions created by post-pandemic shifts in demand and supply, the war in Ukraine and the resultant high energy costs.

Business Secretary Grant Shapps said, "This move will give businesses the breathing space and flexibility they need at this crucial time and ensure that the future UKCA marking is fit for purpose, providing the highest standard for consumers without harming businesses."

In fact, it should be noted that businesses have already been using the UKCA mark since 2021-01-01 to demonstrate conformity with product standards in England, Wales and Scotland. As for the Northern Ireland, it will continue to recognize the CE marking for goods placed on its market.

## **New Deadlines:**

Before	Concessions to businesses placing products on the GB market
2024-12-31	Option given to use CE marking instead of UKCA marking to the product
2027-12-31	Option given to place the UKCA marking on a document accompanying the product, instead of placing it on a label affixed to the product.
2027-12-31	Acceptance of conformity assessment activities for CE marking undertaken by 2024-12-31 as the basis for the UKCA marking

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