

Latest information about the UKCA mark

The UK government released numerous updates to the information about the UK domestic regime for manufactured goods, this information has been published on the UK government's website (links provided below) since 2020, this document summarises the latest position as of the 1st August 2023.

In summary, any manufactured goods that are being placed on the market in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland), and that are currently subject to the European Union CE marking, can continue to be placed on the UK market with the CE marking indefinitely. To clarify, there is now no date defined when CE marking will not be accepted in the UK and there is no date defined when UKCA marking is required.

If products are to carry the UKCA marking then there are different requirements to be aware of for manufactured goods that are being placed on the market in Northern Ireland¹.

Eurofins CML and the UKCA mark

Eurofins CML became a UK Approved Body on the 1st January 2021. From this date, Eurofins CML has been issuing the UKCA equivalent services to those currently provided as a Notified Body for the ATEX Directive. In addition to the certification of products for use in explosive atmospheres, Eurofins CML is also a UK Approved Body for the following:

- Radio Equipment
- Machinery
- PPE (respiratory and hearing, footwear and garment)
- (Expected summer 2023) Medical Devices

CML B.V., our Dutch Notified Body, continues to provide services as a Notified Body for the ATEX Directive within the EU.

For Eurofins CML (UK Notified Body) certificate holders, read the following section, for CML B.V. certificate holders, read the subsequent section. If you are unsure what type of certification you hold, please contact us.

The following explains how these proposed changes are to be interpreted as impacting products that fall under the Equipment and Protective Systems Intended for Use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2016 and are intended to be placed on the UK market.

This is intended as a supplement to the existing guidance published by the UK government which can be found in the following links:

- *News story on GOV.UK [here](#)*
- *Updated UK guidance on [Using the UKCA marking](#)*
- *and [Placing manufactured goods on the market in GB.](#)*

¹ Different requirements exist for Northern Ireland, they have not been included in this document but can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/moving-goods-under-the-northern-ireland-protocol>

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EU-Type Examination certificates (Directive 2014/34/EU Module B, Annex III)

Products currently certified under an EU-Type Examination certificate

Any product that currently has certification with an EU-Type Examination certificate against the Directive 2014/34/EU (often referred to as ATEX certification) will not require a UK Type Examination certificate against the Equipment and Protective Systems Intended for Use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2016 (often referred to as UKEX certification) indefinitely.

Products to be certified under a new EU-Type Examination certificate

Any product that undergoes conformity assessment activity and receives certification with an EU-Type Examination certificate against the Directive 2014/34/EU (often referred to as ATEX certification) will not require a UK Type Examination certificate against the Equipment and Protective Systems Intended for Use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2016 (often referred to as UKEX certification) indefinitely.

Quality Assurance Notifications (QAN) (Directive 2014/34/EU Modules C1, D, E, Annexes IV, VI and VII)

Manufacturers currently holding a Quality Assurance Notifications (QAN) issued by an EU Notified Body

Any manufacturer that currently has a Quality Assurance Notification (QAN) issued by an EU Notified Body against the Directive 2014/34/EU (may be referred to as an EU QAN) will not require a separate Quality Assurance Notification issued by a UK Approved Body against the Equipment and Protective Systems Intended for Use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2016 (may be referred to as an UK QAN) indefinitely.

Where the EU QAN is used as the basis for the UKCA marking, and there is no UK QAN issued by a UK Approved Body currently in place, no number is to be marked adjacent to the UKCA marking on the product until that EU QAN expires. After expiration of the EU QAN, a UK QAN will be required from a UK Approved Body and their Approved Body number will be applied adjacent to the UKCA marking.

Technical File submissions (Directive 2014/34/EU Module A, Annex VIII)

Products currently with technical files lodged at an EU Notified Body

Any product that falls under the requirements of Module A of Directive 2014/34/EU and currently has its technical file lodged with an EU Notified Body will not require a separate technical file lodging with a UK Approved Body indefinitely.

Products with future technical files to be lodged at an EU Notified Body

Any product that falls under the requirements of Module A of Directive 2014/34/EU and has a technical file to be lodged can do so with an EU Notified Body. It will not require a separate technical file lodging with a UK Approved Body indefinitely.

Updates to products with technical files lodged at an EU Notified Body

Any technical files lodged at an EU Notified Body that require an update due to changes will not result in there being a need for the manufacturer to lodge a separate technical file with a UK Approved Body.

Unit Verification and Product Verification (Directive 2014/34/EU Modules F and G, Annex V and IX)

Products currently certified under Unit Verification or Product Verification certificate

Any product that currently has a Unit Verification or Product Verification certificate against the Directive 2014/34/EU (often referred to as ATEX certification) will not require a separate certificate from a UK Approved Body indefinitely.

Products certified under a new Unit Verification or Product Verification certificate

Any product that undergoes conformity assessment activities and receives a Unit Verification or Product Verification certificate against the Directive 2014/34/EU (often referred to as ATEX certification) will not require a separate certificate from a UK Approved Body indefinitely.

Declaration of Conformity

A Declaration of Conformity will be required for UKCA marked products. However, the Declaration of Conformity for UKCA differs to the EU Declaration of Conformity in the following ways:

- "EU" is removed from the title, so "Declaration of Conformity" only.
- Any references to Union harmonisation legislation is replaced with the UK statutory requirements. So, for ATEX, "Directive 2014/34/EU" is to be replaced with "SI 2016 No. 1107".
- Any reference to "harmonised" standards is to be reworded to reference "designated" standards.
- Any reference to "notified" bodies is to be reworded to reference "approved" bodies.
- Any UK Notified Body 4-digit numbers will remain the same when they become a UK Approved Body. So, for example, Eurofins CML is currently 2503, this will remain the same after the 1st January 2021 when Eurofins CML becomes a UK Approved Body.

If you have any questions or would like any further information, please contact us at sales@cmlex.com.