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UK announced the extension of the use of the CE mark

On November 14, 2022, the UK government announced an extension of the deadline for applying the UK Conformity Assessment (UKCA) mark to products, allowing companies to continue using the CE mark until December 31, 2024.

Originally scheduled for December 31, 2022 as the deadline for the UKCA mark to replace the CE mark, given the difficult economic conditions created by post-pandemic shifts in demand and supply, alongside Russian-Ukrainian War and the associated high energy prices, the UK government has extended the deadline again. During this period, companies can use the UKCA or CE mark.

- New changes to the impact of product certification mark

- 1) The extension of CE marking recognition in the UK gives exporters an additional two years to adjust the time for product certification and modification of packaging, reducing the cost of expenditure for businesses.

- 2) Future product UKCA marking plans to be reviewed to minimize costs and burdens for business in the longer term.

- Special Notes

- 1) To reduce labeling costs, the UK government will allow businesses to affix the UKCA marking and include importer information for products from EEA countries on an accompanying document or label until 31 December 2027.

- 2) the UK government will also allow conformity assessment activities for CE marking undertaken by 31 December 2024 to be used by manufacturers as the basis for the UKCA marking, until 31 December 2027.

- 3) Under the terms of the Protocol, Northern Ireland will continue to recognize the CE marking for goods placed on the market in Northern Ireland. They will need to use the UKNI marking if they use a UK Conformity Assessment Body to test their products.

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