



UKWF Technical Officers Report

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Use of the UKCA mark



- The UK legislation made it a requirement that all weighing instruments needed to have a UKCA mark by the 1st January 2022
- This mean that all weighing instruments would need to have a UK (GB) type examination certificate by the 1st January
- This was posing significant problems for the UK and European Industry in getting the type examination certificates
- Have worked hard to get a smooth path to get these certificates and many members were beginning to get the necessary certificates
- Still unresolved on how test certificates, parts certificates and evaluation certificates can be transitioned to GB ones

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- This has now been extended to the 1st January 2023
- This means that we can use
- CE marks
- EU Type examination certificates
- The approval from an EU notified body to undertake conformity assessment (Module D verification) until the 1st January 2023
- This gives us valuable time to resolve the issues that have now arisen with the decision of the NMO to withdraw from the market- but time that will soon disappear
- This means that in the short term we can continue with our present procedures
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-marking>

Use of the UKCA mark



- If you are already using the UKCA mark this can continue as you will be ready for the 1st January 2023
- UKCA mark should be backed up with a type approval certificate issued by a UK approved body (The NMO for the moment)
- Should be backed up by a UK approved body for the purposes of the conformity assessment (Module D)
- This will be NMO and SGS
- Will not apply to Northern Ireland where CE marks and the UK(NI) mark will continue to apply

EC Regulation 2019/1020



- EC Regulation on Market Surveillance and Compliance of Products
- Has direct effect in Northern Ireland
- Most important element for use is Article 4
- If instruments are to be placed on the market in NI (or the EU) and you do not have an economic operator responsible for compliance in the NI (or the EU) you must have one
- That economic operator can be a
 - Manufacturer
 - Importer
 - Authorized representative
 - Fulfillment service provider

EC Regulation 2019/1020



- This will have a significant effect on businesses that did not necessarily export outside the UK but did business in NI
- There will be a further requirement for an economic operator which was not previously a requirement
- Will also have to have a CE mark (or a CE+UK(NI)) mark for NI
- These obligations will not apply to businesses in the EU27 trading with NI

The Eco design for Energy – related products & Energy Information (Amendment) Regulations 2021



- Includes proposed requirements in electronic displays
- Set minimum energy performance standards for on-mode power consumption and maximum energy consumption during stand b
- Measures to improve repairability and recyclability
- Will apply to displays larger than 100cm²
- Mirror the EU legislation

Designated Standards



- There have been some changes in the designated standards for the Machinery Regulations-They have been updated to reflect the EU ones
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/designated-standards-machinery>
- The designated standard for the RoHS will change on the 18th November to EN IEC 63000:2018
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/designated-standards-rohs>

UKAS Guidance



- National accreditation logo and symbols : conditions for use
- Updated 30th September 2021
- Worth looking at if you use the UKAS logo
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-accreditation-logo-and-symbols-conditions-for-use>

Public Perception of smart products



- This independent report was produced by University College London and the University of Cambridge on behalf of the Office for Product Safety and Standards.
- It examines how consumers perceive the risks associated with smart products, how they attribute blame when these products fail causing harm, and what actions they are prepared to take in response
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-perceptions-of-smart-products-summary-report>

Other Government Guidance



- OPS&S have decided to remove much of the Guidance on various matters that could be found on the .GOV website
- The majority of the advice can be found at
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-regulation-weights-and-measures#business-advice>
- Much of the other advice that is useful and has been withdrawn I will put on the UKWF Website