



Updates for Legal Metrology Webinar

26th February 2024

Introduction



- Recent Guidance on the use of the UKCA mark and the CE mark.
- New laws to introduce digital labelling for business and reduce costs.
- UK Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (UK-CBAM).
- Updates from Europe.

Recent Guidance on the use of the UKCA Mark



- Government still has the intention to extend indefinitely the use of the CE mark to demonstrate conformity assessment.
- Guidance issued on the 24th January but, significantly, we do not have the legislation.
- There is a web-page –“Using the UKCA mark”.
- A more detailed document - “Placing products on the market in Great Britain using UK or EU product”.



Recent Guidance on the use of the UKCA Mark



- It appears that there is an intention to have two parallel systems.
- The UKCA system will be what is being called a “**fast track provision**”.
- The manufacturer will need to draw up a UK Declaration of Conformity and affix a UKCA marking (in the permissible manner).
- The significant point is the UKCA mark can be applied after an instrument has been conformity assessed by an EU recognised conformity assessment body.



Recent Guidance on the use of the UKCA Mark

- What does this mean?

- You can continue to use the EU type examinations and the EU module D certificate for initially placing instruments on the market in the GB (Not the UK).
- The instrument can be 'stickered' with the UKCA mark.
- Can go on packaging or accompany documentation..
- Must be visible, legible and indelible.
- Each individual product will not need an accompanying document if moving through the supply chain as a batch.
- As soon as they batch is broken up- each new batch will need a UKCA mark.



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- Alternatively, you can continue to use the CE mark.
- This will involve EU notified bodies and EU module D.
- This will be the status quo that existed before the departure from the EU.
- No need to use the “fast track” system for the UKCA mark.
- If you are importing the instrument, you must have the name and address of the importer.
- **Must have a UK approved body for the purpose of re-qualification.**
- This is obligatory if you wish to apply the crown mark after alteration, adjustment, addition repair or replacement.
- This does not apply to medical devices.



New laws to introduce digital labelling for businesses and reduce regulation costs



- Digital labelling will allow businesses to put important regulatory or manufacturing information online, rather than requiring them to physically print it on their products.
- The only available extra information can be found in the Product Safety Review-Consultation.
- Information can be available digitally via a screen rather than accompanying the instrument – it will be limited to devices with integrated screen so not online.
- Not permitting to only have a QR Code.
- Not permitting high risk products with a screen to be able to rely on e-labelling.
- For any information required by product safety legislation (which is not a UKCA marking or manufacturers or importer details) the inscriptions must be marked

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- Likely to have very little consequence.
- If you are to use a UKCA mark, it would be cheaper and quicker to apply a UKCA sticker than alter the indicator.
- This would inevitably mean altering the software of the instrument and possibly a new type-examination.
- Presumption that manufacturers and importers will continue to use the CE mark so these potential changes will have no influence.

UK Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (UK-CBAM)



- This is part of the UK's strategy to minimise carbon leakage.
- It follows the implementation of such a mechanism in the EU in October 2026, which is threatening UK firms with an uneven playing field if there is no similar scheme in the UK.
- From 1 January 2026 as well as data reporting, the *EU* CBAM will impose an actual compliance cost on carbon-intensive imports into the EU from 1 January 2026.
- This will be very significant for businesses exporting iron and steel products to the EU.


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A photograph showing a close-up of a white sign with the words 'HM TREASURY' in black capital letters. The sign is part of a larger building facade, with a green lawn and a building in the background.

UK Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (UK-CBAM)



- The proposal is to apply a “carbon price” to imported goods - for imported aluminium, iron and steel.
- Will apply directly to the importer of imported products within the scope of UK-CBAM.
- Appears it will apply to “ Comprehensive coverage of iron and steel products (except for some ferro-alloys, scrap etc) and articles such as screws, bolts, nuts, coach screws, washers and similar articles.
- As the UK-CBAM is reciprocal with the EU likely to have limited financial costs.
- Will have a cost if outside of the EU.
- Will have a bureaucratic cost.

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- Further guidance
- https://taxation-customs.ec.europa.eu/carbon-border-adjustment-mechanism_en#resources
- <https://customs-taxation.learning.europa.eu/course/view.php?id=786§ion=1>

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Other updates for the Industry



- Review of the NAWI Directive and the Measuring Instruments Directive is taking place
- This may eventually feed into the GB legislation
- Looking to ensure some of the technical advances and AI are beginning to be incorporated into this- UKWF is taking an important role.
- Review of the R76 is taking place.
- Will eventually have an influence on the GB standards

