

## The EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA):

Trading With the UK &  
Product Regulatory Requirements and  
Implications for the Supply Chain

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# What happened on 1.1.21



- **The transition period ended and a new EU-UK Trade agreement (TCA) came into effect**
- **EU law no longer applies in UK**
  - The UK are a third country under EU law
- UK law applies to Great Britain market
- UK notified bodies are no longer recognised in the EU
- UKAS accredited certificates not valid for **harmonised** products
- ***Protocol on Ireland-Northern Ireland came into effect***



# What hasn't changed?

- **EU regulations/directives still applies to products from UK placed on the EU market**
  - Must be **CE marked** if required by EU Rules
  - Manufacturer must use an **EU-27 notified body** if required by EU legislation
  - Have a valid EU **Declaration of Conformity for Industrial Products and Performance for Construction products**
- Self-certification by UK manufacturers is allowed
- **Irish Building Regulations** applies to products used in Irish construction projects.





# Protocol on Ireland-Northern Ireland

- The Protocol protects the Good Friday Agreement, North/South cooperation and the all island economy.
- Has applied from **1 January 2021**.
- Avoids a hard border on the island of Ireland
- Protects Ireland's place in Single Market and Customs Union.
- Most of the changes applying to trade with **GB** do not apply to trade with **NI**
- **EU product legislation** continues to apply in **NI**
- Goods moving to/from **NI** will largely continue to do so

# How the system works



## Regulation

EU drafts regulations and directives which breaks down barriers to trade to facilitate the free movement of products to trade. Obligations and responsibilities on **manufacturers, importers and distributors**



## Standards Technical Specifications

Shows how you meet these requirement  
Harmonised standards- **Mandatory**  
Technical Specifications- voluntary



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Certification

Demonstrates that your product meets the requirements of Regulation /Directive where required.  
Agreed Framework of **notified bodies**



## Declaration Of Conformity & CE mark

Once the declaration of conformity has been drawn up, the manufacturer must affix a CE marking to the product. CE marking enables a product to be placed legally on the market in an EU Member state and then be traded on the EU's Single Market



## Market Surveillance

Checks to ensure that products placed on the market comply with the requirements of the regulation/directive

# Roles and Responsibilities




## EU Notified Bodies : NANDO-Database

**HPRA**   **An Coimisiún Rialáil Cumarsáide**  
Commission for Communications Regulation

 **An Roinn Gnó, Fiontar agus Nuálaíochta**  
Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation

 **An Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara**  
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

**Notifying Authority**

 **IVNAB**  
ISO 17065  
ACCREDITED

**Accreditation Body**

**BASEC** **bre**  

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 **NSAI**  **OMNI**  **Safenet**  
Certification Services  **SATRA**  
TECHNOLOGY

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   **An Roinn Iompair, Turasóireachta agus Spóirt**  
Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport

   **An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt**  
Department of Justice

 **RSA** **Údaras Lim Shábháilteacht Ar Bhoithre**  
Road Safety Authority

 **sea** **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AUTHORITY OF IRELAND**

**Market Surveillance Authorities**



[https://ec.europa.eu/growth/toolsdatabases/nando/index.cfm?fuseaction=directive.notifiedbody&dir\\_id](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/toolsdatabases/nando/index.cfm?fuseaction=directive.notifiedbody&dir_id)





# Economic Operators Responsibilities

Declaration of Conformity & CE Mark			
Keep documentation for 10 years			
Ensure consistent production			
Monitor the product on the market, where appropriate			
Ensure the product is identifiable			
Indicate a contact point for the product			
Provide instructions and safety information in the appropriate languages			
Take corrective measures where necessary			
Cooperate with requests from national authorities			

# New UK legal framework



- **UK legal framework** replaced EU legislation
- Apply to products in **Great Britain**  
(*England, Scotland and Wales*)
- Does not apply in NI
- **UK product legislation** similar to EU product legislation
  - **UKCA mark** replaces CE mark
  - **UK approved bodies** replace EU notified bodies
  - **UK designated standards** replace hENs
  - **UK Declaration of Conformity** replaces EU DoCs
  - UK customers of EU manufacturers become **importers**





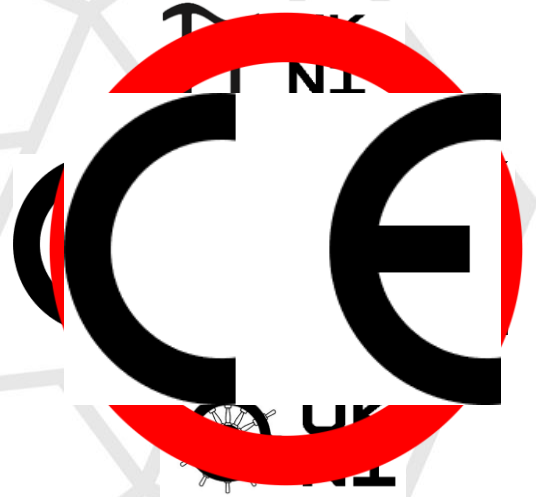
# Post Brexit Changes

## Great Britain

<b>EU-27</b> (including Ireland)	<b>Great Britain</b> (England, Scotland and Wales)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Legislation</li> <li>• Regulation 765/2008</li> <li>• Accreditation and Market Surveillance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK Draft Statutory Instruments 2019 Product &amp; Safety Metrology Amendment Schedule 33</li> </ul>
Harmonised Standards (hENs)	Designated Standards
Notified Bodies	Approved Bodies
	




# 'CE UK(NI)' mark

- **Article 7** makes provision for "*...an indication in respect of Northern Ireland ... shall be indicated as "UK(NI)" or "United Kingdom (Northern Ireland)"*".
- Industrial products:
  - EU legislation and hENs apply
  - certified by 'UK notified bodies'
  - CE marked and include indication in respect of Northern Ireland
- **Products bearing the 'CE UK(NI)' mark cannot be placed on the Irish or EU market**
- 'CE UK(NI)' mark not needed if you already CE mark your product



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# UK acceptance of CE marking

- UK product legislation has applied in **Great Britain** since **1 January 2021**
- CE marked industrial products accepted in the Great Britain until **31 December 2021**
  - EU Declaration of Conformity/Performance( Construction)
  - EU notified body certification
  - hENs
- From **1 January 2022** CE marked products no longer accepted in GB

UK  
CA  
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[www.ukas.com/download/brochures/UKAS-Brexit-leaflet-final.pdf](http://www.ukas.com/download/brochures/UKAS-Brexit-leaflet-final.pdf)

[www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-mark-from-1-january-2021](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-mark-from-1-january-2021)

# Medical Devices - UKCA Marking

- All CE marking will be valid until 30 June 2023
- UKCA marking valid from 01 January 2021
- UKCA marking mandatory from 01 July 2023
- Legislation that will apply in Great Britain will be the **UK Medical Devices Regulation 2002** (in the form that they exist on January 2021) to:

AIMDDD 90/385/EEC Active Implantable Medical Devices

MDD 93/42/EEC Medical Devices

IVDD 98/79/EC In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices

- UK Approved Body must be used.
- MDR and IVDR will not apply in Great Britain.  
(This applies in the EU from the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021)

Regulation (EU) 2017/745 on Medical Devices

Regulation (EU) 2017/746 on In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices

Regulatory Divergence

- MDR and IVDR applies in Northern Ireland under the Northern Ireland Protocol Northern Ireland will continue with the EU regulation, the MHRA will be the designating authority for the North

# Roles and Responsibilities UK



## UK Conformity Assessment

UK Market  
Conformity  
Assessment Bodies  
(UKMCAB)



Notifying Authority



UK Approved Bodies



Technical Assessment Bodies



Market Surveillance Authorities

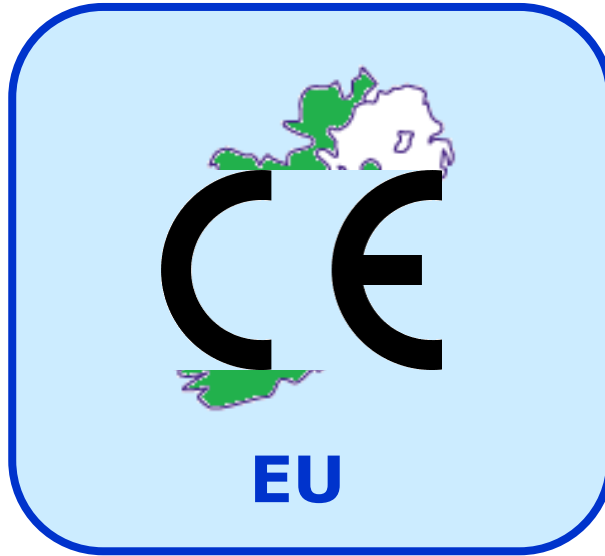


<https://www.gov.uk/uk-market-conformity-assessment-bodies>



CE UK  
CA

# Assisting Irish Companies Export to GB & N.I. What mark must I use?



From 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021



# How Supply Chain will be impacted by Brexit

## Economic Operators



Manufacturer



Importer



Authorised Representative - **GB manufacturer**  
Responsible Person - **Irish Manufacturer**  
( Medical Devices )

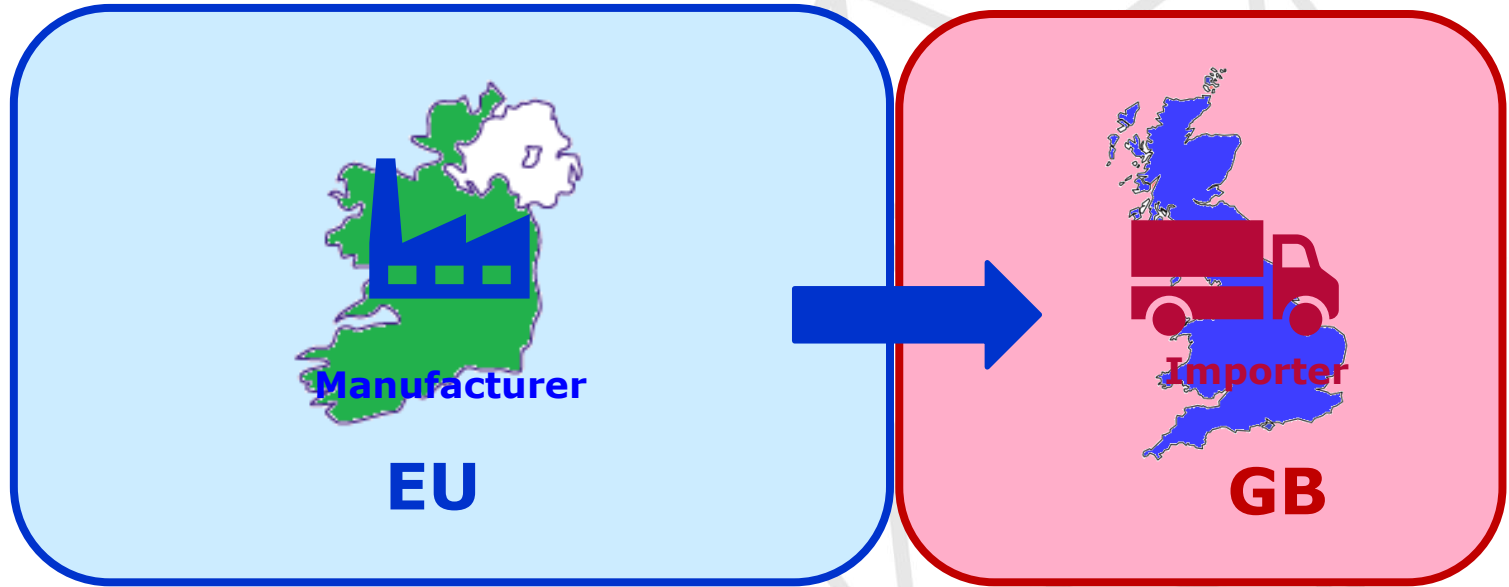


Distributor





# Economic operators exporting into GB



Since 1 January 2021



# Importing products from GB

- You will become an **importer** take on additional responsibilities. (For construction products check **article 13 of the CPR**):
  - Find out the additional responsibilities you will be taking on
  - Engage with the manufacturers of the products
  - Ensure that you will be able to get the information and assurances you need
  - Be able to access the technical file if required by market surveillance authorities
  - Your details must be included in packaging and product information leaflets





# Impacts of Brexit

## The EU Notice to Stakeholders (March 2020)

states the general principles that after the 31 December 2020:

- All Economic Operators must comply with their obligations and responsibilities under Regulation (EU)765/2008 when placing a product on the EU market.
- Both Authorised Representatives and importers must be established in the EU-27\*
- The EU Commission is advising that British Standards can no longer be used for product certification where the relevant EU legislation mandates the use of a **harmonised** European Standard.
- Where harmonised European Standards are not mandated manufacturers should follow the requirements set out in the relevant EU product legislation. British Standards are likely to be acceptable where the regulations allows the use of international standards, European Standards or national standards from third countries.
- The UK Accreditation Service has ceased to be a national accreditation body within the meaning and for the purposes of [EU Regulation No 765/2008](#).
- UK Notified Bodies lost their status as EU Notified bodies on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

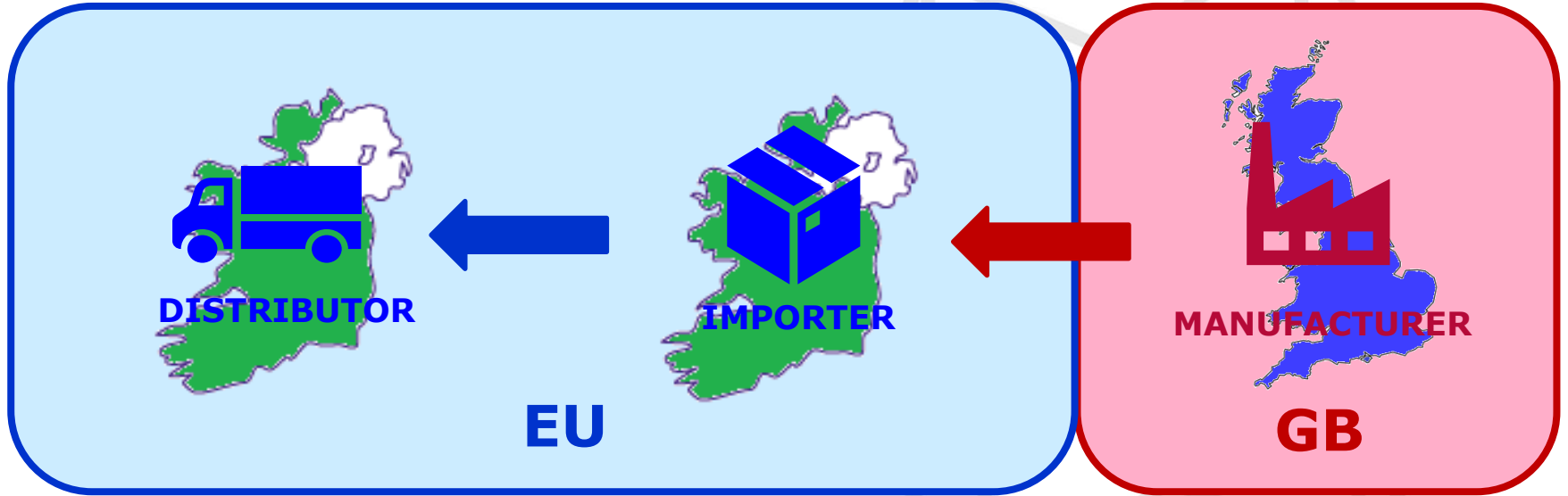
Note: It would constitute a formal non-compliance to refer to a **BS EN** on a DoP/DoC or CE Marking if the product is being placed on the EU market.

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/notice\\_to\\_stakeholders\\_industrial\\_products.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/notice_to_stakeholders_industrial_products.pdf)

<https://european-accreditation.org/ea-statement-on-continuing-recognition-of-ukas-under-the-ea-mla/>



# Economic operators importing from GB

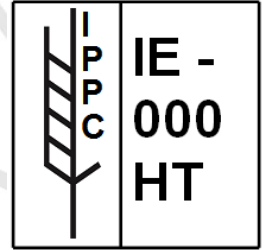


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# ISPM15 - Wood Packaging Materials (WPM)

- **ISPM15** sets down standards for treatment and marking of WPM (pallets, crates, dunnage etc.) used in international trade.
- **Regulation (EU) 2016/2031** sets out EU legal basis and minimum standards for the registration, authorisation, and supervision of manufacturers of WPM.
- ***WPM for imports from GB will need to meet requirements of ISPM15 from 1 January 2021.***
- ***Also applies to exports to GB from 1 January 2021.***
- ***ISPM15 will not generally apply to WPM for trade with NI (with certain exceptions)***

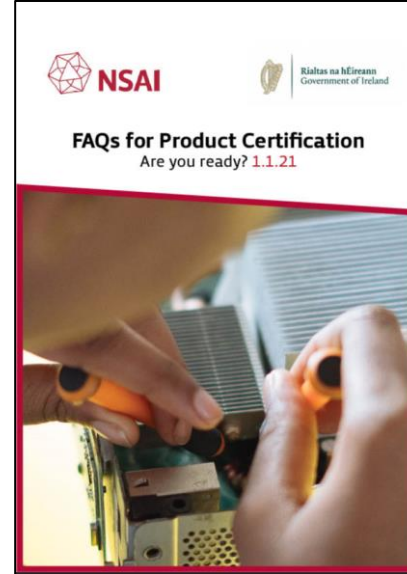
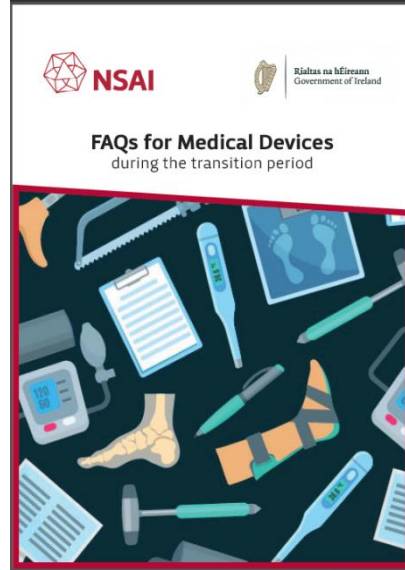
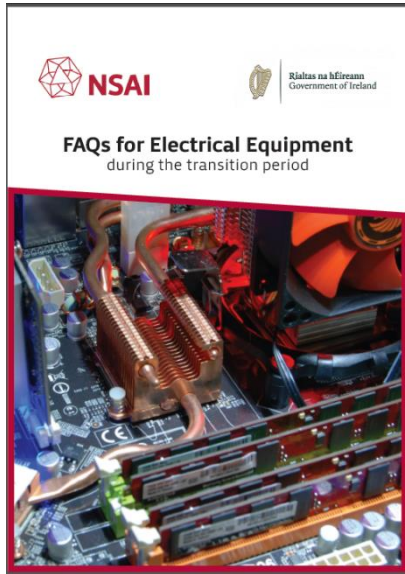


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More info on the Revenue Commissioners website:  
[revenue.ie/en/customs-traders-and-agents/brexit/index.aspx](http://revenue.ie/en/customs-traders-and-agents/brexit/index.aspx)

# NSAI FAQs

Dept of Housing Local Government and Heritage  
Published on 1 October 2020  
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Rialtas na hÉireann  
Government of Ireland

**Construction Industry –  
Preparing for the end of the  
Brexit Transition Period**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

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Prepared by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government  
housing.gov.ie

NSAI FAQs currently being updated

<https://www.nsai.ie/brexit/brexit-resources>



# Further Information

EU –UK Relations:	Link
EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/relations-United-Kingdom/eu-uk-trade-and-cooperation-agreement_en">https://ec.europa.eu/info/relations-United-Kingdom/eu-uk-trade-and-cooperation-agreement_en</a>
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Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/commission/publications/revision-protocol-ireland-and-northern-ireland-included-withdrawal-agreement_en">https://ec.europa.eu/commission/publications/revision-protocol-ireland-and-northern-ireland-included-withdrawal-agreement_en</a>



The 'Blue Guide':

[https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52016XC0726\(02\)&from=BG](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52016XC0726(02)&from=BG)



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