

## UKCA marking of wood based panels according to EN 13986 in the course of Brexit

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Dear customers,

The United Kingdom (UK) left the European Union (EU) on 01/01/2021.

Prior to this, a trade agreement was signed between the United Kingdom and the European Union on 24/12/2020.

With the withdrawal, the following requirements for the marking of construction products for export in the UK incl. Northern Ireland (NI) come into force:

For construction products, the UKCA marking is now legally binding. This marking is necessary to sell your products on the UK market. During the transition period until 01/01/2023 it is possible to continue to CE mark existing products based on the harmonized standard EN 13986 (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-marking>).

After this period, only the UKCA marking will be accepted in the UK. The basis for the UKCA marking are so-called "Designated Standards", which have the same legal basis as the harmonized standards. Currently, the "Designated Standards" and the harmonized standards are identical, but this may change in the future.

Currently CE marked products will continue to be accepted in Northern Ireland (see annex).

The conformity assessment for the UKCA mark is carried out by "UK Approved Bodies", which issue corresponding certificates.

EPH as an European Notified Body cooperates in the field of wood based panels according to EN 13986 (system 1 and 2+) with the UK Approved Body BBA. This body is willing to provide UKCA certification on a cost basis after reviewing English documents by EPH (CE-surveillance reports, Certificate of constancy of performance, certificate of conformity of the Factory Production Control).

The following steps are necessary:

- The producer has to make a contract with BBA on UKCA certification and is obliged to inform EPH about that. Please contact BBA: [marketing@bbacerts.co.uk](mailto:marketing@bbacerts.co.uk)
- EPH provides the mentioned documents directly to BBA and will answer BBA's questions regarding these documents correctly.
- BBA will carry out the UKCA certification.

Don't hesitate to contact us for further questions.

With kind regards



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Head of the Notified Body

**Annex: Overview about possibilities of placing goods**

Action	Type of good (see list of product areas below)	Accepted marking or combination of markings*
Placing goods on the market in Northern Ireland	Manufactured goods being placed on the market in NI using an EU conformity assessment body	CE
	Manufactured goods being placed on the market in NI using a UK-based body	CE and UKNI
Placing goods on the market in Great Britain	Manufactured goods being placed on the GB market until the end of 2021	UKCA or CE
	Manufactured goods placed on the GB market from 01/01 2022	UKCA
Placing qualifying Northern Ireland goods on the market in Great Britain (unfettered access)	Qualifying Northern Ireland goods being placed on the GB market under unfettered access	CE or CE and UKNI
Placing goods on the EU market	Manufactured goods being placed on the EU market	CE

\* You may use combinations of the product markings listed in each box. Your goods may be acceptable with more than one marking. For example, a product with both the CE and UKCA markings can be placed on the EU market. However, for the EU market the CE mark must appear without the UKNI indication as goods bearing the 'CE and UKNI' marking are not acceptable in the EU market. This means these goods must be manufactured according to EU rules and cannot be assessed by a body based in the UK.