Routes for conformity assessment

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Aims of this session

Summarise what you need to do to comply with conformity assessment requirements in order to legally place manufactured goods on the market in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

What we'll cover

1. Overview of UKCA/CE+UKNI marking timeline
2. Conformity assessment: routes and actions required
3. Complying with UK market surveillance

What marking applies?

UKNI CE/CE

For the Northern Ireland market, the CE marking continues to be used for self assessed goods and those goods which are conformity assessed by an EU notified body.

The UKNI plus CE mark is used for goods which are conformity assessed by a UK approved body.

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

UKCA

The UKCA mark will mandatory in Great Britain for goods placed on the market for the first time on and after 1 Jan 2023.

It applies to goods which used the CE and reverse epsilon markings.

Timeline to implement UKCA Marking

Present (2021)
You can use UKCA marking *

Until 31 Dec. 2022
You can use CE marking in most cases, whilst preparing to transition to UKCA marking

From 1 Jan. 2023
You must use UKCA marking when placing most manufactured products on GB market*

Until 30 June 2023
You can use CE marking on medical devices whilst you prepare to transition to UKCA

Until 31 Dec. 2023
You can apply UKCA marking via a sticky label or an accompanying document for most goods.

From 1 Jan. 2024
UKCA marking must be applied directly on to the product unless legislations allows otherwise

What is covered by the UKCA marking

- ✓ Toy safety
- ✓ Pyrotechnics
- ✓ Recreational craft and personal watercraft
- ✓ Simple pressure vessels
- ✓ Electromagnetic compatibility
- ✓ Non-automatic weighing instruments
- ✓ Measuring instruments
- ✓ Lifts
- ✓ ATEX
- ✓ Radio equipment
- ✓ Pressure equipment
- ✓ Personal protective equipment
- ✓ Gas appliances
- ✓ Machinery
- ✓ Equipment for use outdoors
- ✓ Eco-design
- ✓ Aerosols
- ✓ Low voltage electrical equipment
- ✓ Restriction of hazardous substances

Products covered by the UKCA marking but have some special rules

- Medical devices
- Rail interoperability
- Construction products
- Civil explosives

Conformity Assessment: routes and actions for businesses

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Routes to assessment: self-assessment

For the GB market:
You can self-declare for the UKCA mark in the same way you self declare for the CE mark.

For the NI market:
Self-declaration is unchanged, and you should continue to follow EU rules.

Routes to assessment: third party assessment

Check whether your product requires third party assessment or self-assessment. If you need third party conformity assessment, you should approach a UK approved conformity assessment body immediately.

Speak to a conformity assessment body to understand your options, especially if you sell products in multiple markets.

GB market: All UK-based 'Notified Bodies' have automatically become UK 'Approved Bodies' for the GB market as of 1 January 2021. You can find details of UK bodies on the UKMCAB database.

NI market: UK bodies approving for the NI market will remain 'Notified Bodies'. These 'Notified Bodies' can be based anywhere in the UK. EU bodies will continue to be recognised as competent to certify for the NI market.

EU market: As of 1 January 2021, mandatory conformity assessments by UK bodies are no longer recognised in the EU.

Documentation

You must keep documentation to demonstrate that your product conforms with the regulatory requirements.

The information you must keep depends on the specific legislation which applies to your product and which 'economic operator' you are in the supply chain.

You must keep general records in the form of a technical file.

A UK Declaration of Conformity must be drawn up for most products lawfully bearing a UKCA marking.

DoC should include the name and address of the manufacturer (or authorised representative) alongside information about the product and the conformity assessment body (if relevant).

Complying with market surveillance

- The UK's responsibilities for market surveillance continues to be fulfilled by the UK's Market Surveillance Authorities (MSAs) working in co-operation with HMRC and Border Force.
- There have been no changes to market surveillance policy and market surveillance.
- A new UK specific market surveillance database has been created for monitoring and enforcement.
- Coordinating and reporting functions have been transferred from the EU Commission to our Secretary of State.

Next steps

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Key messages: Take action now

1. Check if your product needs third party testing or if you can self-declare.

2. If you require third party assessment, contact a conformity assessment body as soon as possible to ensure your product can be tested in time for 1 January 2023.

3. If you self assess, start using the UKCA marking as soon as possible.

4. Ensure economic operators and suppliers in your supply chain understand their responsibilities and the new requirements.

Finding and understanding regulations

To understand the route to conformity assessment for your goods as well as other specific requirements will need to check industry guidance.

Guidance is available on GOV.UK in an A-Z of industry guidance from the Office for Product Safety and Standards.

GOV.UK has sets of regulations for each product type for the GB market and for NI market.

Product regulations note whether you can self-declare for your good, how to place the marking and any specific requirements

More help

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Annex A. Flowcharts for further reference

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Marking flowchart - Third Party conformity assessment now

Key

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EU NB - EU Notified Body (notified as competent to apply the CE marking)

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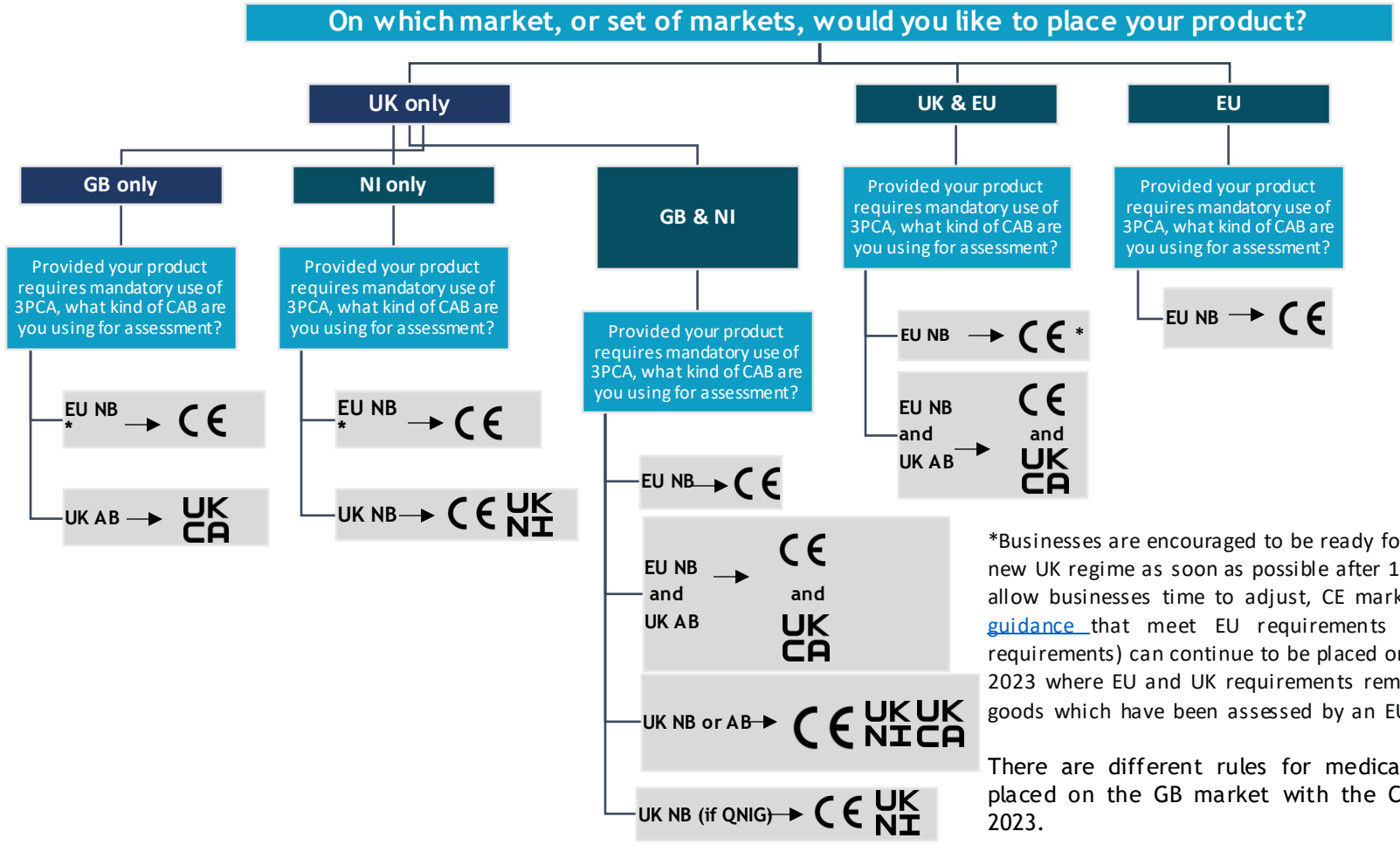
QNIG - Qualifying Northern Ireland Good (see this guidance for further information on qualification)

3PCA - Third party conformity assessment



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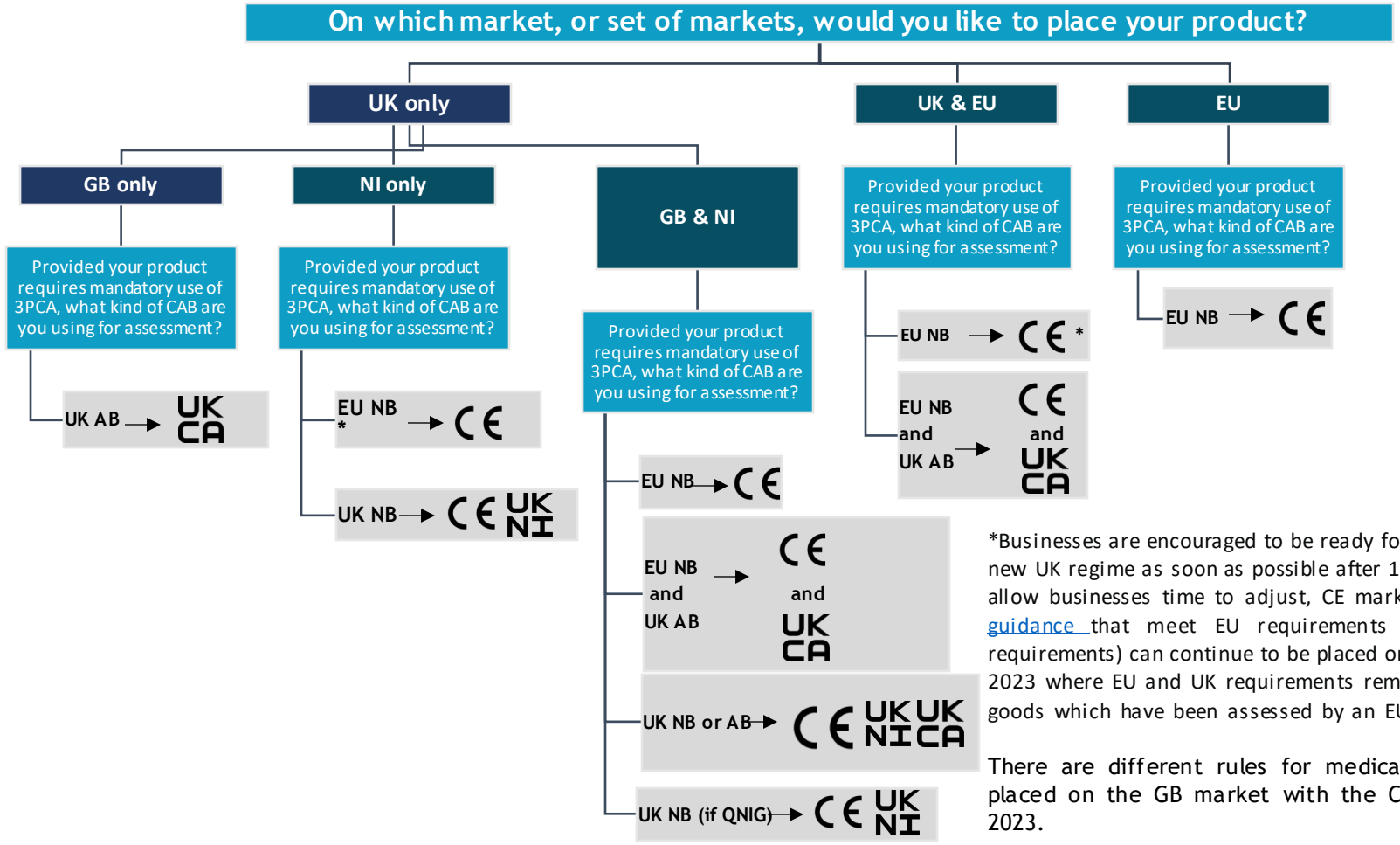

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