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## Brexit consequences for the labeling of building products in accordance with article 2 no. 1 of the European Building Product Regulation (EU-CPR); status 26.01.2021

Great Britain already left the EU on 01.02.2020 with the transition period ending on 31.12.2020. The British market consists of England, Wales and Schottland, not however Northern Ireland. We will explain below which changes regarding the labeling of building products manufacturers face since 01.01.2021.

#### You are the manufacturer of a building product which is to be placed onto the British market?



Image 1: only applies for the British market.

Products which have already been legally marked with the CE-label before 01.01.2021 and have already been placed on the British market may be sold indefinetely. The acceptance of the CE-label for products which are newly placed on the market ends on 31.12.2021. As of this date products for the British market must be marked with the UKCA-label. The conditions for obtaining the UKCA-label should be identical with the conditions to obtain the CE-label. The possibility to use this already exists since 01.01.2021.

To apply for this label the manufacturer requires a respective conformity evaluation body which is validated in Great Britain as an "approved body". As of 01.01.2022 no CE-labeled products may be sold in the British market.

So far unfortunately there are no known options for an European body to be validated as an "approved body". MPA NRW is currently in dialogue with a British certififaction body. It is our goal to continue to serve you as a partner for on-site surveillances and to only bring in a reliable partner for the UKCA-certification.

With this approach we hope to be able to keep the hurdles for the transitions of the labeling of building products as low as possible.

You are the manufacturer of a building product which is to be placed onto the European market? Should products be brought onto the European market a "notified body" must still be involved in order to obtain the CE-label. In system 4 this requirement can be omitted.

British bodies which were recognised as "notified bodies" have lost this status on 01.01.2021. This means that, if you are currently being monitored and certified by a British body which is now only



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recognised as an "approved body", you must now switch to an European body to be able to continue to mark your products with the CE-lable.

MPA NRW is recognised in many fields of activity as a "notified body" with the number 0432. Under the following link you can see for which harmonised standards a notification is available: <u>https://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-</u>

<u>databases/nando/index.cfm?fuseaction=country.nb&refe\_cd=EPOS\_43754&body\_type=NB</u> The MPA NRW employees will be pleased to assist you in assessing how you can proceed with your existing certification on a case-by-case basis.

# You are the manufacturer of a building product which is to be placed onto the British <u>and</u> the European market?

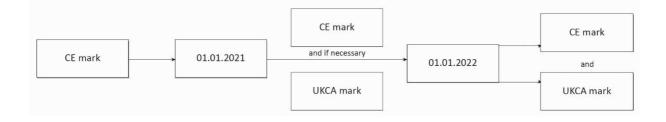


Image 2: applies for the British and the European market.

According to the current status, a British body (approved body) will be required in this case to obtain the UKCA-label as well as an European body (notified body) to obtain the CE-label.

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Unfortunately so far we do not know of any possibility to obtain the recognition as "approved body". MPA NRW is currently in discussions with a British certification organisation. It is our aim to continue to be able to be your partner for on-site surveillances and to only involve a reliable partner for the additionally required UKCA-certification.

With this procedure we hope to be able to keep the hurdles regarding the additionally required labelling of the building products as low as possible.