



Brexit information for our customers

The UK left the EU on 31st January 2020 under the terms of a ratified Withdrawal Agreement. This agreement defines a transition period that ends on 31st December 2020. During this time all existing EU goods laws continue to apply in the UK.

It is important to point out the situation regarding Northern Ireland. The UK comprises England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Great Britain (GB) comprises England, Scotland & Wales. It has been agreed that Northern Ireland will continue follow EU rules for a period of at least four years. When references are made to new rules affecting the UK, these should be taken to mean applying to GB only.

On 1st September 2020 the UK government issued new guidance confirming there is now an additional transitional arrangement in place, to allow the continued use of CE marking on products until 1st January 2022.

Makita UK supplies product to England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Eire, Cyprus, Malta and Gibraltar. This paper describe the measures Makita UK Ltd. are implementing to ensure continuity of supply for all these markets following the end of the transition period or transitional arrangement.



Product requirements

Performance, design and safety

No technical changes are required, or have been made to Makita's products due to Brexit.

Markings & labels

The UKCA (UK Conformity Assessed) marking is a new UK product marking that will be used for goods placed on the market in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland). It covers most goods which previously required the CE marking. The UKCA mark is shown below.

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Goods are permitted to carry both the CE and UKCA markings. Makita will apply both CE and UKCA marks to our products, our manufacturing plants are making this change during October and November.

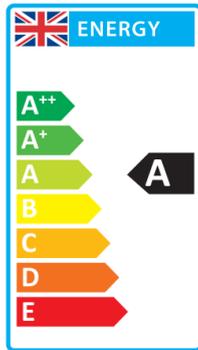
Under the new legislation Makita UK Ltd. will become 'the importer' of our products into the GB market. As such, the name and address of Makita UK has to be marked on the product, or for a period of two years on the accompanying documentation. In parallel with the addition of the UKCA mark, our product rating labels will also include the Makita UK address. An example of the new style rating label is shown below.



All products distributed by Makita UK can therefore be supplied to the GB market and also to the other markets requiring the CE mark. As mentioned, Northern Ireland will continue to require CE marked products for at least the next four years.



Products supplied with an Energy Label will be supplied with a UK Energy label in addition to the EU energy label. An example of the UK energy label is shown below.



Documentation

Where currently an EU Declaration of conformity is supplied with CE marked products, UKCA marked products will be supplied with a UK declaration of conformity. Where required, this will generally be included in the annex sheet of the instruction manual after the multiple language EU Declaration of Conformity. The UK declaration will make reference to the applicable UK legislation and UK designated standards rather than EU harmonised standards.

Technical Standards

Customer may see a greater reference to BS standards in documentation, but as of 1st January 2021, the requirements in these standards will be the same as previously referenced European EN standards.

Third party conformity assessments

Wherever required, Makita uses EU-recognised Notified Bodies for products placed on the EU market and, from 1st January 2022, Makita will use UK recognised conformity assessment bodies (called Approved Bodies) for products placed on the GB market.

Transitional Arrangements

Products on the GB Market may still be seen to only display the CE Mark for some time after 1st January 2021 due to the fact that the requirements apply only to products newly placed on the market. Stock held in Makita's warehouses and the warehouses of distributors are already said to be 'placed on the market' as they were imported in to the country before the end of the transition period. These stocks can continue to be sold for an indefinite period.

As mentioned, the newly announced transitional arrangements further permit the sale of CE marked products in GB until 1st January 2022.