



## UKCA marking of floors 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 30/06/2025 it is possible to continue to CE mark existing products based on the harmonized standards EN 14041/EN 14342/EN 14904 (<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 flooring sector with the UK Approved Body SATRA. This body is willing to provide UKCA certification on a cost basis after reviewing our documents (test reports/CE test certificates, available in English). For this purpose, the documents issued by EPH must be submitted to SATRA. The flooring collections are to be described in SATRA forms. In order to accept the EPH documents the performance of at least one indicative fire test by UK Approved Bodies is mandatory from December 2022. The contact person at SATRA is Mr. Phil Weal. If you are interested in UKCA marking, please send your request to the following email address: [floorcoverings@satra.com](mailto:floorcoverings@satra.com).

The same procedure can be carried out with EPH surveillance reports in the frame of system 1 of the above named harmonized standards.

We will inform you about further developments.

With kind regards

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