

UKCA marking

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This document contains questions and answers about the new UKCA marking (UK Conformity Assessed) which has replaced the CE marking – which is applicable in the EU – in Great Britain since Brexit. The following information about the UKCA obligation to identify products refers to the SEW-EURODRIVE product portfolio and its compliance with the conformity requirements.

Products from SEW-EURODRIVE may still be imported from any location to Great Britain. Your local Sales contact person will be glad to help you with any queries.

Questions and answers about the SEW-EURODRIVE products and the product marking	
What does the UKCA marking mean?	By applying a UKCA label to a product, the manufacturer is declaring compliance with all British regulations. As the EU and UK rules are as yet still identical, SEW-EURODRIVE products fulfill all the technical requirements for UKCA (UK Conformity Assessed).
Which SEW-EURODRIVE products are affected by the UKCA marking?	 Basically, all SEW-EURODRIVE products that bear a CE marking also require a UKCA marking if they are exported to Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland). Examples: Frequency inverters Motors (asynchronous and synchronous) Decentralized products MAXOLUTION® products DriveRadar® products Explosion-protected standard and servo gear units Explosion-protected industrial gear units
For which countries is the UKCA marking required?	The UKCA label (UK Conformity Assessed) is the new British product marking required for market approval in Great Britain, that is to say, England, Wales and Scotland. As part of the Northern Ireland Protocol, the CE marking will continue to be accepted in Northern Ireland.
Do SEW-EURODRIVE products require a UKNI marking?	The UKNI marking is the conformity marking for certain products placed on the market in Northern Ireland and for which the conformity assessment has been performed by a third- party body established in the United Kingdom. Since the CE marking applies in Northern Ireland and the SEW-EURODRIVE products are certified by an EU-accredited body, they are excluded from the regulation on UKNI.

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When does the UKCA marking come into force?	The UKCA marking is a new product label for Great Britain which came into force on January 1, 2021. To allow companies time to make the necessary adjustments, the CE marking (including the EU conformity assessment process) will remain valid during a transition period. It can continue to be used until December 31, 2022. As the EU and UK directives are identical to date, the SEW-EURODRIVE products meet all technical requirements for UKCA – in the British market.
When will it be possible to order SEW-EURODRIVE products with the UKCA marking?	Despite the transition period until December 31, 2022, our target date for implementing UKCA at SEW-EURODRIVE is the fourth quarter of 2021. Our goal is to be able to offer our customers UKCA-compliant products as soon as possible.
Can SEW-EURODRIVE products be purchased with only the UKCA marking?	SEW-EURODRIVE products that bear the UKCA marking will always also have the CE marking.
Is there a UK declaration of conformity?	SEW-EURODRIVE products with the UKCA marking have an independent UK declaration of conformity. This is available in Online Support on the SEW-EURODRIVE homepage.
Does the UKCA marking have to be applied directly to the product or can it be on a sticker or in the accompanying documentation?	Until December 31, 2023, it is permissible to apply the UKCA marking to the product or accompanying documentation using a separate sticker. From January 1, 2024, it is mandatory to apply the UKCA marking exclusively to the product itself.
How can I see whether an SEW-EURODRIVE product conforms with British regulations?	The UKCA marking and the associated UK declaration of conformity show that an SEW-EURODRIVE product is approved for the British market.
What are the form and dimensions of the UKCA marking on SEW-EURODRIVE products?	The UKCA marking can be integrated or attached on the product or the nameplate, so the size of the UKCA symbol may vary. However, the size must not be less than the minimum dimension of 5 mm.
Do purchased components that are mounted on an SEW-EURODRIVE product always need a UKCA marking?	 If it is directly mounted on an SEW-EURODRIVE product, the purchased component does not need a UKCA marking. Purchased components must carry a UKCA marking in the following circumstances: 1. The products are labeled with the SEW-EURODRIVE brand 2. The purchased components have an ATEX design 3. The purchased components will be imported to Great Britain as individual parts, e.g. as replacement or retrofit parts.
Can the UKCA marking also be placed on the packaging of the SEW-EURODRIVE product?	The marking is attached directly to the SEW-EURODRIVE product.
When is the UKCA marking required for mechanical products such as standard gear units or industrial gear units?	For gear units in the ATEX design, the UKCA marking is needed in addition to the CE marking. A UKCA declaration of conformity to the ATEX directive must also be provided.

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