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Introduction

The Northern Ireland Protocol came into force on 1 January 2021. For as long as it is in force, Northern Ireland will align with all relevant EU rules relating to the placing on the market of manufactured goods.

The UKNI marking is a new conformity marking for products placed on the market in Northern Ireland which have undergone mandatory third-party conformity assessment by an approved body based in the UK.

Qualifying Northern Ireland Goods

The UK government is committed to providing unfettered access for qualifying Northern Ireland goods¹ to the rest of the UK market after 1 January 2021. Products that can be placed on the market in Northern Ireland in accordance with the legislation as it applies to Northern Ireland, can be sold in the rest of the UK without any additional approvals.

This means that products that are qualifying Northern Ireland goods can be sold in the rest of the UK if any of the following apply:

- the CE marking is lawfully applied to the goods on the basis of self-declaration
- any mandatory third-party conformity assessment was carried out by an EU notified body and a CE marking is affixed.
- the certificate of conformity which was held previously by a UK approved body has been transferred to an EU notified body and a CE marking has been affixed
- any mandatory third-party conformity assessment was carried out by a UK approved body, and the goods are therefore marked with the CE mark and new UKNI mark.

Note: Goods starting their journey in the EU will not qualify for unfettered access if they are moved through Northern Ireland into Great Britain for an avoidance purpose. If the goods were processed in Northern Ireland, they'll still qualify if all the components were in free circulation in the UK.

¹ From 1st January 2021 goods will be classed as 'qualifying Northern Ireland goods' provided they are in free circulation in Northern Ireland - that means not under a customs procedure or in an authorised temporary storage facility (before they are moved from Northern Ireland to Great Britain).

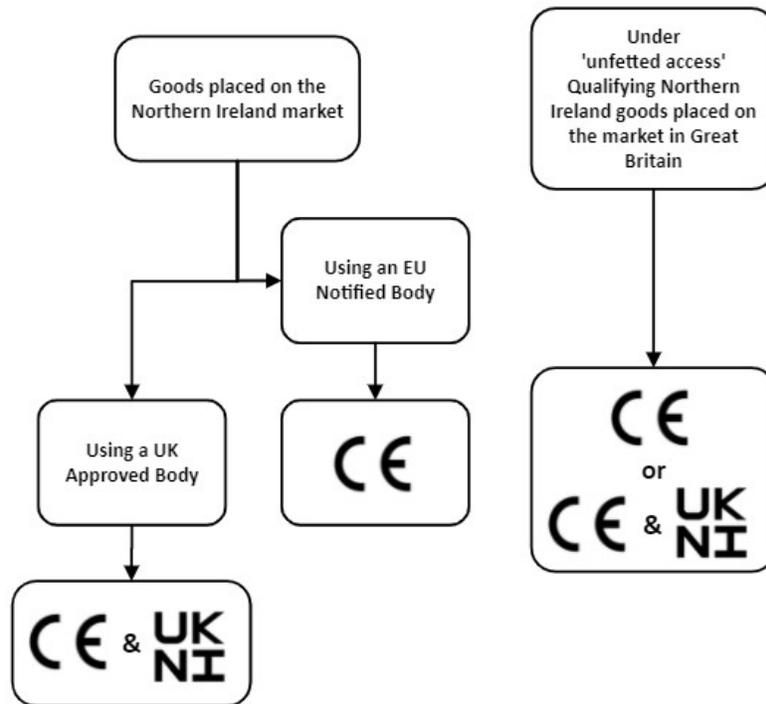
This qualifying goods regime forms part of a phased approach to implementation of unfettered access designed to:

- avoid disruption
- ensure maximum continuity after the transition period

Further guidance will be issued in time by the UK Government.

Accepted markings for different markets

Goods may require different markings for different markets. The diagram below illustrates the accepted markings for each market.



Manufacturers must use the UKNI marking if **all** the following apply:

- Placing certain goods (usually those that are subject to the CE mark) on the Northern Ireland market
- The goods require mandatory third-party conformity assessment
- The goods are conformity assessed by a UK approved body

Manufacturers must **not** use the UKNI mark if **either** of the following apply:

- Goods are placed on the market in the EU
- Goods are conformity assessed by an EU notified body

Summary

If you are unsure what marking is acceptable, then you should contact the manufacturer or their agent (authorised representative) for advice.

Remember the UKNI mark does not alter a User's legal obligations, as stated in the UK's DSEAR (NI) Regulations, including the selection of equipment, protective systems and safety devices on the basis of the categories set out in the UK's EPS (NI) Regulations.

Changes (if any) will be communicated to your preferred CompEx centre.