






NI CE APPROVAL – JANUARY 2023

UK registration and marking scheme is to change on 1st January 2023. Northern Ireland (part of the UK) and Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) are treated differently, even though all four regions are part of the UK. This is the side effect to prevent a “hard border” between Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland manufacturers have unfettered access to the entire UK market with use of CE mark. Therefore Whale products made in Northern Ireland will only have a CE mark but are compliant in the UK.

Mainland UK are required to use UKCA approval for placing goods on the UK market.



	Type of goods (see list of product areas below)	Accepted marking or combination of markings*
 Placing goods on the market in Great Britain	Manufactured goods being placed on the GB market until the end of 2021	UK CA or CE
	Manufactured goods placed on the GB market from 1 Jan 2022	UK CA
 Placing goods on the market in Northern Ireland	Manufactured goods being placed on the market in NI using an EU conformity assessment body	CE
	Manufactured goods being placed on the market in NI using a UK-based body	CE & UK NI
 Placing qualifying Northern Ireland goods on the market in Great Britain (unfettered access) 	Qualifying Northern Ireland goods being placed on the GB market under unfettered access	CE or CE & UK NI
 Placing goods on the EU market	Manufactured goods being placed on the EU market	CE

*You may use combinations of the product markings listed in each box and your goods may be acceptable with more than one marking. For example, a product with both the CE and UKCA markings can be placed on the EU market. However, for the EU market the CE mark must appear without the UKNI indication as goods bearing the 'CE and UKNI' marking are not acceptable in the EU market. This means these goods must be manufactured to EU rules and cannot be assessed by a body based in the UK.

Source: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukni-marking>