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CE MARKED PRODUCTS IMPORTED INTO GREAT BRITAIN AFTER 11PM ON 31 DECEMBER 2022

After 11pm on 31 December 2022, the CE Mark may no longer be used and the UKCA Mark must be used instead for placing products covered by a harmonised/designated standard on the GB market. Some members are concerned that CE Marked products ordered before the end of the year may not be imported into the GB until after 11pm on 31st December 2022 and therefore may not be allowed into Great Britain.

The official advice from government is to bring the products into the UK prior to the 11pm on 31st December 2022 if possible. Alternatively ensure that the products are UKCA marked. However, all the enforcement bodies have been instructed to be pragmatic about what constitutes a product placed on the GB market, and if companies can show that they had ordered the product prior to 11pm on 31st December 2022, and that it was simply a case of there being a delivery timetable that took this beyond the end of the year, it would be considered to have been placed on the UK market. Obviously, this would have to be considered on a case-by-case basis and there wouldn't be a lot of sympathy for a company that ordered a product in December, and then started asking for a pragmatic approach to be taken.

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