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Dear Jeremy,

Thank you for your question at Report on 6 January in which you raised the issue of conformity assessment marking.

The UKCA (UK Conformity Assessed) marking is a new UK product marking that is used for goods being placed on the market in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland). It covers most goods which previously required the CE marking. It also applies to aerosol products that previously required the 'reverse epsilon' marking.

The technical requirements ('essential requirements') that must be met – and the conformity assessment processes and standards that can be used to demonstrate conformity – are largely the same as they were for the CE marking. Goods that are subject to the relevant conformity assessment processes and are proven to meet the technical requirements can use the UKCA marking regardless of country of origin.

The UKCA marking came into effect on 1 January 2021. However, to allow businesses time to adjust to the new requirements, the CE marking can still be used until 1 January 2022 in most cases.

To be eligible for the UKCA marking, manufacturers must ensure that their goods meet UK product regulations, even where conformity assessment processes remain similar to those for the CE marking.

Further information and guidance on the UKCA marking can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-marking>.

To note, the UKCA marking alone cannot be used for goods placed on the Northern Ireland market, which require the CE or UKNI marking.

Guidance on placing goods on the Northern Ireland market can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-market-in-northern-ireland>.

I hope this provides some clarity and I am happy to follow up again if you have any further questions. I am placing a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grimstone'.

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