

THE UK EXITING THE EU (BREXIT): IMPACT TO CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT FOR HAZARDOUS AREA PRODUCTS

UKEx Marking solutions for hazardous location equipment, the UK equivalent of ATEX
Marking for Europe

Following the UK's exit from the EU, the market access requirements for placing hazardous location products on to the UK market will change.

From 1st January 2022, an Ex certificate issued by a UK Approved Body, such as Intertek, will be required for hazardous location products intended for the UK market.

Market access requirements for the UK and EU are changing as a result of the UK leaving the EU single market. As a result, the regulatory conformity process for hazardous location products intended for the UK market will also change. From 1st January 2022, products previously bearing the ATEX mark, will require Ex marking by a UK Approved Body.

UKCA & CE marking

UKCA marking has been permitted for use since 1st January 2021. However, to allow businesses time to adjust to the new requirements, you can still use the CE marking until 1st January 2022 in many cases.

The CE marking will be accepted in the UK until 1st January 2022 for some products such as existing stock. For example, a product covered by a UK certificate of conformity, which would normally need UKCA marking after 1st January 2021, can still be sold in the UK with a CE marking up to the 31st December 2021 if any of the following apply:

- You currently apply the CE marking to your goods based on self-declaration.
- Any mandatory third-party conformity assessment was carried out by an EU-recognized notified body (including a body in a country with which the EU has a relevant mutual recognition agreement).
- The certificate of conformity previously held by a UK Approved Body has been transferred to an EU Notified Body.



- You can only place CE marked goods that meet EU requirements in Great Britain while UK and EU requirements are the same. This is currently the case and there are no UK plans to diverge away from alignment at this time. This may change in the future.

Hazardous location products

For 'Ex' products (formerly ATEX) only UKCA or UK Approved Bodies (the UK equivalent of an ATEX Notified Body) such as Intertek, are able to issue the appropriate certificates needed for entry to the UK market and the Standards used will be determined by the [UK List of Designated Standard](#).

In-line with the transition period, after 1st January 2022 only Ex certificates issued by a UK Approved Body will be accepted by UK authorities for hazardous location products. After this date, ATEX certification will no longer be recognized in the UK.

In-line with the changes to certification requirements, manufacturers' declarations of conformities are also effected.

The Intertek advantage

Our state-of-the-art facilities are approved by various bodies to offer certification to both the electrical and non-electrical standards. These include:

- cETLus
- IECEx
- ATEX
- UKEx

- CCCEx
- InMetro
- ECASEx and others

Our expertise in testing and certification provides comprehensive solutions to bringing hazardous location equipment to the market in a fast and cost-effective manner.

Our experts are leaders in their fields and active members of various industry committees including the 'L/6/10 IECEx National Committee of the United Kingdom and ATEX UK Notified Body Group', which has now transitioned to 'UKEX Approved Bodies Group (UKEX ABG)'. As such, Intertek is ideally positioned as manufacturers' certification partner of choice.

About Intertek

Intertek is a leading Total Quality Assurance provider to industries worldwide. Our network of more than 1,000 laboratories and offices in more than 100 countries, delivers innovative and bespoke Assurance, Testing, Inspection and Certification solutions for our customers' operations and supply chains.

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