

## Brexit Series

# Electrical Equipment

During the transition period

### Accessing the UK Market

The exact rules that will apply following the end of the transition period will depend on the details of any agreement between the EU and the UK concerning their future trading relationship or if no deal is agreed.

Free Trade agreement negotiations commenced in March 2020. The envisaged future partnership between the UK and the EU should contain regulatory cooperation in terms of technical regulation for placing electrical and electronic products on the EU market and in the UK.

The UK Government has confirmed plans to introduce import controls on EU goods at the border after the transition period ends on 31 December 2020. This will mean traders will have to submit customs declarations and be liable to goods' checks.

You should prepare for border controls by making sure you have an Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI) number, and also looking into how you will make declarations, including using a customs agent. Further information on customs procedures can be found on the Revenue Commissioners website.

Further information is available from the UK Government website (gov.uk).

### About NSAI

NSAI is an EU Notified Body for certification of medical devices, motor vehicles, construction products and measuring instruments. It also carries out market surveillance on packaged goods and measuring devices. NSAI aims to inspire consumer confidence and create the infrastructure for products and services to be recognised and relied on.

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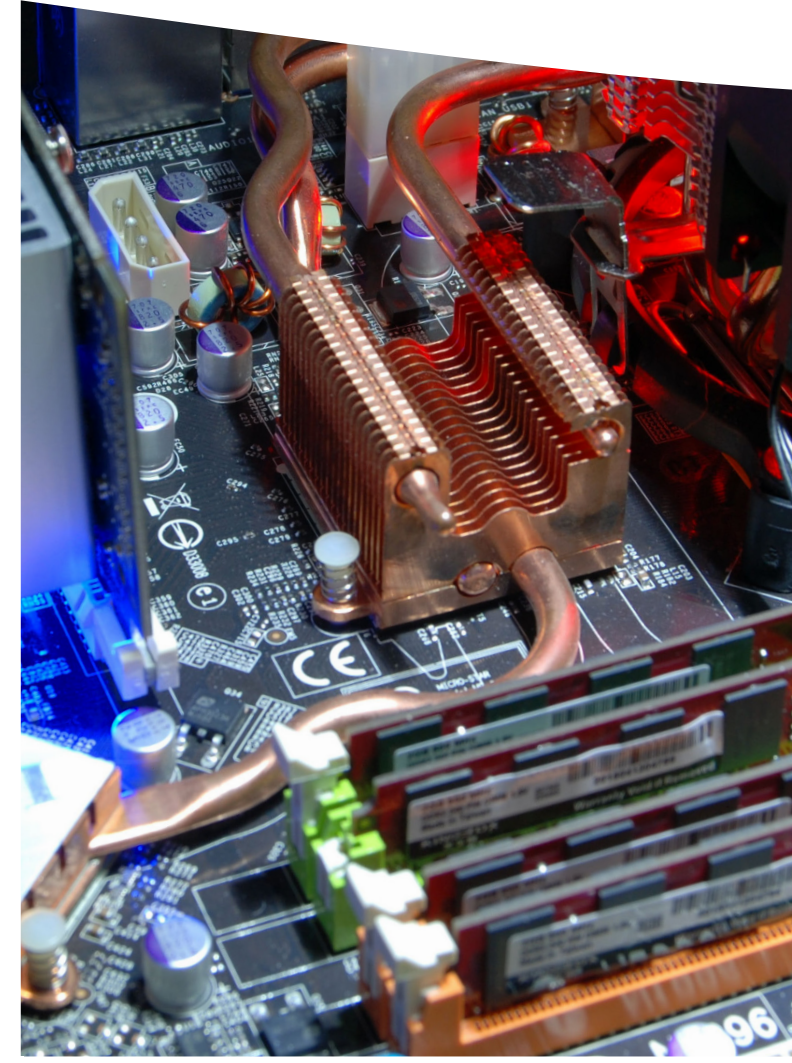
- Your goods can be certified by an EU notified body and placed on the UK market.
- You must use CE marking if required by the EMC Directive, the Radio Equipment Directive and the Low Voltage Directive when placing goods on the UK market.
- Prepare for changes at the end of the transition period.
- Get an Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI) number.

### Further Information

The Irish Government has a number of supports to help businesses across all sectors to prepare for Brexit.

Further information is available on the following websites:

- Government of Ireland: [gov.ie](https://www.gov.ie)
- Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation: [dbi.ie](https://www.dbi.ie)
- Department of Communication, Climate Action & the Environment: [dcae.gov.ie](https://www.dcae.gov.ie)
- Commission for Communications Regulation: [comreg.ie](https://www.comreg.ie)



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## Certification during the Transition Period

During the transition period, the following EU rules will continue to apply to all electrical and electronic devices in the UK:

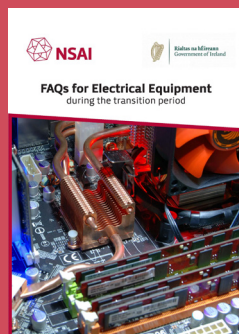
- Directive 2014/35/EU - Low Voltage Directive
- Directive 2014/53/EU - Radio Equipment Directive
- Directive 2014/30/EU - Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive

You should be preparing for the end of the transition period:

- Ask your notified body if it is moving to an EU-27 Member State.
- If they have no plans to move you will need to transfer to another EU-27 notified body\* (see EU NANDO website)

Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 setting out the requirements for accreditation will continue to apply in the UK which means that certificates from test laboratories accredited by UKAS will continue to be recognised.

\*The Low Voltage Directive does not require manufacturers to use a notified body.



For more resources such as our **FAQs on Electrical Equipment** and video presentations on **CE Marking**, visit the NSAI website.

## Does Brexit affect manufacturers certifying their own products?

EU legislation applies to products placed on the EU market irrespective of where they are made. Manufacturers are allowed to certify their own products where the legislation provides for it (see FAQs for more information). For electrical equipment this applies to:

- All products to which the Low Voltage Directive applies.
- Products to which Module A (internal production control) apply under the Radio Equipment Directive
- Products to which Module A (internal production control) apply under the EMC Directive

Manufacturers from a non-EU country (including those in the UK after the end of the transition period) can affix the CE mark when exporting to the EU where this is permitted by the relevant EU directives or regulations. This includes equipment and devices that have undergone a conformity assessment (including the product and quality assessment) by the manufacturer in accordance with Module A.

## Do you Import Products from the UK?

If you are currently a distributor importing products from the UK, you will continue to be a distributor during the transition period. Irish based distributors sourcing products from UK suppliers or UK manufacturers post Brexit will become importers for products they place on the EU-27 market.

Look at your Supply Chain:

- Find out the additional responsibilities you will take on as an importer
- Engage with the manufacturers of the products you import
- Ensure that your details will be included in packaging and product information leaflets

## What Must I Do Now?

### If I rely on a UK Notified Body...

- Ask your UK notified body if it is establishing itself in an EU-27 Member State
- Engage with your UK notified body to see what you need to do to transfer certification to their new EU-27 notified body
- If the UK notified body is not moving, check the EU 'NANDO' website to find another EU notified body to certify your product
- Engage with your prospective notified body to see what you need to do to transfer certification
- Arrange to have all products CE marked by a UK notified body placed onto the EU market before the end of the transition period.

### If I am becoming an importer...

Look at your Supply Chain:

- Find out the additional responsibilities you will be taking on
- Engage with the manufacturers of the products you import
- Ensure that you will be able to get the information and assurances needed
- Ensure that your details will be included in packaging and product information leaflets.

## How it Works



EU Commission issues Directive



Government puts Directive into law



Accreditation body accredits notified body\*



Market Surveillance Authority carries out market surveillance (Comreg for Radio Equipment & EMC Directives and CCPC for Low Voltage Directive).



\*The manufacturer chooses a suitable notified body from those listed on the EU Nando site:  
[ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/nando/index](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/nando/index)