



CLC News Release

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Construction welcomes delay to UKCA product marking changes

The Construction Leadership Council has welcomed the confirmation that the UK Government has postponed planned changes to product marking rules.

As part of the UK's departure from the European Union, changes were due to come into force on 1 January 2022 that would require products that had previously had CE markings shift across to the new United Kingdom Conformity Assessed (UKCA) mark.

However, industry had raised concerns about whether the sector was ready for the changes, with uncertainty about availability and capacity of testing for products under the new regime.

The Government has now responded, allowing CE marked products to be sold in the UK for a further 12 months.

Construction Leadership Council co-chair Andy Mitchell said: *"Given the widespread pressures on product supply, we welcome this pragmatic decision by the Government to extend the deadline for CE-marked products"*

"However even with this extension, it will still be very challenging to ensure that the whole sector is ready for the new date, given the need to drive major increases in testing capacity"

"it is vital that industry continues to work with the Government to address these issues, ensuring that we don't just postpone the crisis by 12 months, but instead establish a robust testing and marking regime to ensure the continued safety and performance of the products that we use".

Notes for editors

Details of the changes can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/businesses-given-more-time-to-apply-new-product-safety-marking>

About the Construction Leadership Council (CLC)

The CLC's mission is to provide sector leadership to the construction industry. The expanded CLC has twelve workstreams that operate collaboratively to address the biggest issues facing the sector, focused on the Industry Recovery Plan. Workstreams include skills and inclusion, building safety and business models. The CLC is co-chaired by Ann-Marie Trevelyan MP, Minister for Business and Industry, and Andy Mitchell CBE, CEO of Thames Tideway.