

Subject: UKCA certification process update

We hereby inform you that Frigomec S.p.A. has undertaken the process for obtaining UKCA certification for all the products in its current production.

The process for obtaining the mark, as agreed with the appointed Notified Body TUV SUD BABT (Body number 0168), includes the following steps:

- Design upgrade from Directive 2014/68/EU (CE mark) to P.E.(s).R. Regulation 2016 + + UK SI 2019 NO. 696 SCH. 24 (UKCA mark)
- Gap analysis to verify the validity of welding qualifications and possible recognition also for use in the UKCA field
- Gap analysis and possible updating of all ancillary documentation (P.M.A., ISO 9712 qualifications, etc.)
- Any updates to the applicable harmonised standards in line with the list drawn up for S.I. Law 2016 No. 1105 must also be taken into account in this process
- Execution of the new modules, with Notified Body UKAS, in accordance with the conformity assessment procedures depending on the type of product.

Having said that, we would like to inform you that we will do our utmost to conclude the certification process by 2022.

In any case, we are considering accelerating marking on products up to cat. I.

If you have items that fall into this category for which you urgently need to obtain the UKCA mark, please let us know the codes so we can start our assessments from these very codes.

Finally, we would like to inform you that the UK Government has recently announced that there will be further updates on the UKCA process. We have already contacted the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial strategy for more detailed information and they have replied as follows:

"...for businesses transitioning to the UKCA marking, the Government will be introducing legislation that will allow completed conformity assessment activities for CE certification to be used by manufacturers to declare existing product types as compliant with UKCA marking. The products will need to have the UKCA marking, and will still need to get UKCA certification from a UK Approved Body at the expiry of their certificate, or within 5 years (31 December 2027), whichever is sooner. You can find more information on this measure, including the list of module types the measures applies to on GOV.UK: Placing manufactured goods on the GB market."

These indications cut across all Directives. At the following link, you will find the July 2022 update of the "Pressure Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016":

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pressure-equipment-safety-regulations-2016/pressure-equipment-safety-regulations-2016-great-britain#footnotes>

In paragraph "2" of section "15. Footnotes" the following is specified:

"On 20 June 2022, the Government announced the provisions for UKCA marking and labelling and importer labelling would be extended until 31 December 2025. Legislation will be placed before Parliament in the autumn 2022 to give effect to this."

If the Regulations were approved, the following situation would arise:

- CE approvals obtained within this year would also be valid for UKCA marking until 31/12/2025 or in any case until their natural expiry date (whichever is shorter).
- Products may be UKCA-marked but without indicating the Notified Body number
- The UKCA Declaration of Conformity must be issued quoting the relevant PED modules

We will keep you updated on developments.

Thank you

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