



Recognition in relation to conformity assessment

Mutual recognition

As the UK has left the EU, the agreement between Switzerland and the EU on mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment (MRA)⁶ has ceased to apply in bilateral trade relations between Switzerland and the UK. Under the trade agreement between the two countries, the product chapters in the MRA on motor vehicles, good laboratory practice (GLP) and good manufacturing practice (GMP) for medicines and certification of batches continue to apply. In these three product sectors international agreements form the basis for technical requirements by which the UK is bound, despite no longer being a member of the EU.

Exports from Switzerland to the UK have to comply with [UK regulations](#). Exporting companies must also appoint a [UK responsible person](#). Exports from the UK to Switzerland must meet Swiss requirements.

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Unilateral measure by UK

In addition to the three product sectors in the Switzerland - UK trade agreement, the UK temporarily recognises all EU-recognised conformity assessments, i.e. also when conformity has been assessed by Swiss bodies recognised by the Swiss-EU MRA. More information on the UK's temporary measure can be found on the [UK government website](#).

⁶ [SR 0.946.526.81](#)



Temporary unilateral measure by Switzerland

In order to avoid, to the extent possible, disruption in import of goods from the UK, the Swiss authorities recognise proof of test reports and certificates of conformity issued by UK bodies. This temporary measure applies to 13 industrial product sectors whose technical requirements between Switzerland and the EU are deemed equivalent according to Article 1 paragraph 2 of the MRA between Switzerland and the EU.

The scope of the new official practice is limited exclusively to the import of products into Switzerland, which are not subject to an EU conformity assessment from the UK.

The Swiss authorities mentioned below will,

PROVIDED (1) the testing or conformity assessment procedures of the UK meet the Swiss requirements; (2) the UK bodies have qualifications equivalent to those required in Switzerland; and (3) the UK has taken certain measures in favour of Swiss operators,

RECOGNISE test reports or certificates of conformity drawn up by a UK conformity assessment body

- which was recognised under the Agreement on Mutual Recognition between Switzerland and the EU (MRA; SR 0.946.526.81) as of 31 December 2020, and
- which operated at that date under the following legislations, recognised as equivalent to Swiss requirements in accordance with Article 1 paragraph 2 ARM.

Machines

According to Directive 2006/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2006 on machinery, and amending Directive 95/16/EC (recast) (OJ L 157, 9.6.2006, p. 24), as last amended by Directive 2009/127/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 amending Directive 2006/42/EC with regard to machinery for pesticide application (OJ L 310, 25.11.2009, p. 29)

Competent authority in Switzerland: State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Product Safety Unit

Recognised British Conformity Assessment Bodies: please refer to the list below

Personal Protective Equipment

according to Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on personal protective equipment and repealing Council Directive 89/686/EEC (OJ L 81, 31.3.2016, p. 51)

Competent authority in Switzerland: State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Product Safety Unit

Recognised British Conformity Assessment Bodies: please refer to the list below



Toys

According to Directive 2009/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 on the safety of toys (OJ L 170, 30.6.2009, p. 1), as last amended by Commission Directive (EU) 2018/725 (OJ L 122, 17.5.2018, p. 29).

Competent authority in Switzerland: Federal Office of Food Safety and Veterinary Affairs, Market Access Unit

Recognised British Conformity Assessment Bodies: please refer to the list below

Gas appliances

According to Regulation (EU) 2016/426 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on appliances burning gaseous fuels and repealing Directive 2009/142/EC (OJ L 81, 31.3.2016, p. 99).

Competent authority in Switzerland: State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Product Safety Unit

Recognised British Conformity Assessment Bodies: please refer to the list below

Pressure Vessels and Pressure Equipment

According to Directive 2014/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the placing on the market of simple pressure vessels (OJ L 96, 29.3.2014, p. 45) and Directive 2014/68/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the placing on the market of pressure equipment (OJ L 189, 27.6.2014, p. 164)

Competent authority in Switzerland: State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Product Safety Unit.

Recognised British Conformity Assessment Bodies: please refer to the list below

Transportable pressure vessels

According to Directive 2010/35/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 June 2010 on transportable pressure equipment and repealing Council Directives 76/767/EEC, 84/525/EEC, 84/526/EEC, 84/527/EEC and 1999/36/EC (OJ L 165, 30.6.2010, p. 1) and Directive 2008/68/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 September 2008 on the inland transport of dangerous goods (OJ L 260, 30.9.2008, p. 13)

Competent authority in Switzerland: Federal Office of Transport, Environment Unit (rail transport) and Federal Roads Office, Freight Transport Unit (road transport).

Recognised British conformity assessment bodies: please refer to document below



Radio and telecommunications terminal equipment

According to Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of radio equipment and repealing Directive 1999/5/EC (OJ L 153, 22.5.2014, p. 1). 62) and Decisions 2000/299/EC of 6 April 2000, 2000/637/EC of 22 September 2000, 2001/148/EC of 21 February 2001, 2005/53/EC of 25 January 2005, 2005/631/EC of 29 August 2005, 2013/638/EU of 12 August 2013 adopted by the Commission under Directive 1999/5/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 1999 and the implementing acts adopted by the Commission until 20 July 2017.

Competent authority in Switzerland: Federal Office of Communications, Radio Monitoring and Installations Unit.

Recognised British Conformity Assessment Bodies: please refer to the list below

Equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres

According to Directive 2014/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States concerning equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres (OJ L 96, 29.3.2014, p. 309)

Competent authority in Switzerland: Federal Office of Energy, Electricity, Pipelines and Water Law Unit

Recognised British Conformity Assessment Bodies: please refer to the list below

Electromagnetic compatibility

According to Directive 2014/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic compatibility (OJ L 96, 29.3.2014, p. 79)

Competent authority in Switzerland: Federal Office of Communications, Radio Monitoring and Installations Division

Recognised British Conformity Assessment Bodies: please refer to the list below

Construction machinery and equipment (noise emissions)

According to Directive 2000/14/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 May 2000 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the noise emission in the environment by equipment for use outdoors (OJ L 162, 3.7.2000, p. 1), as amended by Directive 2005/88/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2005 (OJ L 344, 27.12.2005, p. 44) and its corrigendum (OJ L 165, 17.6.2006, p. 35)

Competent authority in Switzerland: Federal Office for the Environment, Air Traffic Noise, Industrial Noise and Shooting Noise Unit

Recognised British Conformity Assessment Bodies: please refer to the list below



Measuring instruments

According to Directive 2014/31/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the placing on the market of non-automatic weighing instruments (OJ L 96, 29.3.2014, p. 107) and Directive 2014/32/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the placing on the market of measuring instruments (OJ L 96, 29.3.2014, p. 149)

Competent authority in Switzerland: Swiss Federal Institute of Metrology METAS, Legal Metrology Unit

Recognised British Conformity Assessment Bodies: please refer to the list below

Agricultural or forestry tractors

According to Regulation (EU) No 167/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 February 2013 on type-approval and market surveillance of agricultural and forestry vehicles (OJ L 60, 2.3.2013, p. 1)

Competent authority in Switzerland: Federal Roads Office, Road Traffic Division

Recognised British Conformity Assessment Bodies: please refer to the list below

Lifts

According to Directive 2014/33/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to lifts and safety components for lifts (OJ L 96, 29.3.2014, p. 251)

Competent authority in Switzerland: State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Product Safety Unit

Recognised British Conformity Assessment Bodies: please refer to the list below

Cableway installations

According to Regulation (EU) 2016/424 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on cableway installations and repealing Directive 2000/9/EC (OJ L 81, 31.3.2016, p. 1)

Competent authority in Switzerland: Federal Office of Transport, Law Unit

Recognised British Conformity Assessment Bodies: please refer to the list below

[List of Recognised British Conformity Assessment Bodies](#)

Products placed on the Swiss market in accordance with this official practice may bear the UK marking ("UKCA") in accordance with UK legislation if they meet the British requirements. The Swiss sectoral provisions on mandatory markings are reserved.

The UK has extended its unilateral measure, which was originally set to expire on 31 December 2021, by one year. The British requirements for placing goods on the UK market have



not changed in the above mentioned 13 sectors since 1 January 2021. Switzerland is therefore also extending its measure by one year. The measure will no longer apply for 12 months, but for 24 months from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2022.

Should significant changes occur, in particular with regard to the legislation or the implementation of legislation covered by this recognition, SECO will modify the above practice in agreement with the authorities concerned. This is an emergency measure in order to avoid a disruption of trade between Switzerland and the UK.

The provisions in the MRA Switzerland-EU regarding the marketing of products from the EU to Switzerland remain unchanged.

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