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Dear Ed,

Thank you for your letter of 10 June in relation to UKCA Conformity Assessment and Certification.

Sorry I've not been able to respond sooner, my officials have been working to establish the latest position with UK Government, as this is largely a reserved matter.

Since receipt of your letter, you may have seen that the UK Government has announced some easements in relation to product conformity assessments, which is available [here](#).

The new measures of most relevance are:

- Any conformity assessment activities undertaken by EU bodies before the end of 2022 will be considered as the basis for UKCA marking next year.
- Removing the need to re-test existing imported stock which will allow CE marked products that are manufactured and imported into the UK by the end of 2022 to be sold, without the need to meet UKCA requirements. This will remove the current need for retesting and recertification for products that are imported whilst the UK recognised CE requirements.
- Continuing to accept spare parts onto the GB market.
- Extending labelling measures to make it cheaper and logistically easier for businesses to continue to supply goods to Great Britain.
- Manufacturers of construction products under AVCP system 3 – such as radiators, sealants and tile adhesives – whose products are tested by an EU notified body before 1 January 2023 will be able to obtain a UKCA mark without having to retest through a UK-approved body.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The UK Government are aware that some businesses are having difficulty in finding a UK approved body able to test to certain designated standards, and of issues around approved bodies' capacity to test products. They have advised that they are and will provide further guidance in due course.

They have also confirmed that they continue to engage with industry stakeholders, including conformity assessment bodies and UKAS, to monitor testing capacity and capability and understand the actions required to respond to any challenges that arise.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'V' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'g'.

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