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To whom it may concern,

## **Avery Dennison Smartrac position on the UKCA Regulations**

On 31 December 2019 the “Brexit” process was finalized as the UK left the European Union. Both parties then entered a transition period which extended until 31 December 2020. After that date, the UK was no longer trading as part of the EU single market. A trade agreement between the UK and the EU has been agreed. Nevertheless, there have been fundamental changes in the way the UK and EU do business.

The new UKCA label was introduced on January 1, 2021 and replaces the CE mark in the United Kingdom. However, given the difficult economic conditions created by post-pandemic shifts in demand and supply, alongside war in Ukraine and the associated high energy prices, the UK government does not want to burden business with the requirement to meet the original (31 December 2022) deadline.

The UK government will continue to recognise the CE marking for 2 years, therefore allowing businesses until 31 December 2024 to prepare for the UKCA marking. Businesses can also use the UKCA marking, giving them flexibility to choose which marking to apply. As of January 1, 2025, only the UKCA label will be accepted in Great Britain.

Avery Dennison Smartrac has reviewed and studied the implication of UKCA for All our Passive RFID Tags and found that the current applied regulations remain as they were. The UKCA marking will be applied to documentation and packages during this extension period.

Avery Dennison Smartrac will continue to monitor the situation and changes towards the requirements.

Radio Equipment Regulation:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/radio-equipment-regulations-2017>

UK Government Official Webpage: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-ukca-marking>

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