

CE marking


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CE marking is a mandatory conformity marking for certain products sold within the European Economic Area (EEA) since 1985.^[1] The CE marking is also found on products sold outside the EEA that are manufactured in, or designed to be sold in, the EEA. This makes the CE marking recognizable worldwide even to people who are not familiar with the European Economic Area. It is in that sense similar to the FCC Declaration of Conformity used on certain electronic devices sold in the United States.

The CE marking is the manufacturer's declaration that the product meets the requirements of the applicable EC directives.^[2]

The mark consists of the CE logo and, if applicable, the four digit identification number of the Notified Body involved in the conformity assessment procedure.

"CE" originated as an abbreviation of *Conformité Européenne*, meaning **European Conformity**,^[3] but is not defined as such in the relevant legislation. The CE marking is a symbol of free marketability in the European Economic Area (Internal Market).

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Expansion	Conformité Européenne
Effective region	European Economic Area
Product category	Various
Legal status	Mandatory
Website	CE Marking homepage (http://ec.europa.eu/growth/single-market/ce-marking/)

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