

2021 News Brief



All news and updates that matter the manufacturers and importers in the Saudi market.

In Tabseer we are keen to keep our partners informed with all the updates relevant to the Saudi market. So, our team prepared for you a brief for all regulatory updates announced by the Saudi Standards, Metrology, and Quality Organization (SASO) during the year 2021.



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SASO applied (IECEE) certificate on a new list of electrotechnical devices and components

SASO announced that suppliers and manufacturers are required to obtain the National Recognition Certificate (IECEE) for Electrotechnical Devices and Components starting from 2021 /1/9 to be allowed to place their products in the kingdom market.



SASO obligated importers and manufacturers to submit a declaration for non-medical masks on Saber

SASO emphasized the necessity to follow the guideline, which clarifies the mechanism for applying the requirements of the regulations of the textile product, and personal protective equipment and clothing to the non-medical mask product.



SASO launched the RASID electronic system

SASO launched RASID, which is an electronic system for monitoring unsafe products, through an integrated work system between the relevant national authorities to facilitate rapid and reliable communication to exchange information on these products



SASO adopted the Technical Regulation for Mobile Machinery and Heavy Duty Equipment

The Official Gazette "Umm Al-Qura" published on May 21, that SASO adopted the Technical Regulation for Mobile Machinery and Heavy Duty Equipment.

SASO issued a circular regarding the safety standard for Audio/video, information, and communication technology equipment

SASO announced postponing applying the Standard (SASO IEC 1-62368) for Audio/video, information, and communication technology equipment that will replace the standards (SASO-IEC1-60950-) and (SASO-IEC60065-) to 2023/1/1, and continue accepting the test report according to the old standard till 2022/12/30.

SASO obligated suppliers to obtain "IECEE" and "IECEX" certificates for a number of products

SASO obligated manufacturers and suppliers to obtain the National Recognition Certificate (IECEE) for a new list of electrotechnical devices and components and the National Recognition Certificate for a new list of equipment and devices intended for use in explosive atmospheres (IECEX) starting from 2021 /1/11.

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SASO issued a circular for including the Freon type used in the air conditioners and refrigerators in the certificates of conformity

SASO called on all approved conformity assessment bodies to include the Freon type used in air conditioners and refrigerators in the conformity certificates issued for these products.



SASO issued a circular for updating the standard of air conditioners

SASO approved the update of the mandatory Saudi standard No. (SASO 2663:2021) related to (air conditioners - minimum requirements for energy efficiency, labels, and testing for small capacity air conditioners of the window and split type).

SASO announced the implementation date of the standard (SASO 2815:2021) for cords extension sets

SASO announced all manufacturers and importers of electrical and electronic devices are obligated to the new amendments of the standard (SASO 2815:2021) for safety requirements for cords extension sets (230V/13A) that will replace the Standard (SASO 2815:2010) starting from 2022/2/21.

SASO issued a Circular regarding the Technical Regulations for Shoes and their Accessories

SASO issued a circular obligating all approved bodies to apply the standard (ISO/TR 16178) regarding potentially harmful substances in shoes and their com



SASO issued a circular regarding importing the non-medical masks to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

SASO issued a circular indicating that a daily examination will be conducted for each shipment of non-medical masks by SASO and the Zakat, Tax, and Customs Authority to ensure that a declaration of the imported product has been submitted, and if the declaration is not submitted, the shipment will not be cleared.



SASO issued a circular regarding the amendments to a number of standards of electric storage water heaters, electric room heaters, and electric cords extensions

SASO issued a circular confirming the necessity of complying with the amendments to a number of standards of electric storage water heaters, electric room heaters, and electric cords extensions.

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SASO scheduled applying the Technical Regulation for Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS)

SASO circulated that the application date of the Technical Regulation for Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS) that was supposed to be on 2022/1/5 will be Scheduled for six months to be applied gradually.



The Gulf Standardization Organization (GSO) launched MUTABIQ electronic platform

The GCC Standardization Organization has launched the MUTABIQ electronic platform, which includes a number of services such as the fuel economy guide for vehicles and the uploading of fuel efficiency labels for vehicles and tires, in addition to allowing adding data for recall campaigns, and submitting requests for approving Gulf Certificates of Conformity for vehicles, motorcycles, and tires.



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