



Dear client, we are keen to inform you about all the updates relevant to your business in the Saudi market, so here is the monthly brief for all regulatory updates announced by SASO and the Zakat, Tax, and Customs Authority regarding the products intended for sale in KSA.

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Saudi Food and Drug Authority adopts several Saudi and Gulf Food Technical Regulations

The Saudi Food and Drug Authority SFDA decided during its meeting No. (4/38), held on 11/29/1444 AH, to adopt technical regulations by setting mandatory and non-mandatory standard specifications for food, drugs, and products within its missions.

The Commission also decided to take several other decisions, including:

- Approval of (40) Gulf Food Technical Regulations
- Approval of amending (20) Gulf Food Technical Regulations
- Approval of (13) Saudi Technical Regulations in the field of food and fodder
- These Regulations supersede the corresponding Saudi Technical Regulations

For more information, you can check the link below:

<https://uqn.gov.sa/details?p=23468>



SASO approves the amendment of the technical regulations for Auto Spare Parts

The Saudi Standards, Metrology, and Quality Organization (SASO) decided during meeting No. (43), held on 11/17/1444 AH, to approve the amendment of the technical regulations for auto spare parts according to the following:

- A wording amendment to Article (1) Terms and Definitions.
- A drafting amendment to Article (2) of the field.
- Amendments to the provisions of Article (4) Obligations of the Supplier.
- Amendment of Article (6) Conformity Assessment Procedures - a drafting amendment and an amendment to the conformity assessment procedures following the applicable guidelines.
- A drafting amendment to Articles (9), (10), (11), and (12).
- Amendments to Appendix (1-A) the list of relevant standards.
- Separation of Appendix (1-B) the list of products and customs coding from Appendix (1-A) the list of standard specifications, as is the case in the rest of the modern regulations.
- Deletion of Appendix (2) from the Technical Regulations - Conformity Assessment Form (Type 1a) - since the products supplied by the manufacturer or the legal representative are obliged to acknowledge the supplier as a conformity assessment procedure following the followed procedures.



SASO clarifies the mandatory stages for standardizing charging ports for mobile phones and electronic devices

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) and the Communications, Space & Technology Commission announced the mandatory stages for standardizing charging ports for mobile phones and electronic devices in the Saudi market, as it is scheduled, starting in 2025, to oblige companies and suppliers to standardize the types of charging ports to be of the "USB Type-C" type, according to The technical and administrative requirements stipulated in the relevant technical regulations and standards.

The two bodies indicated that enforcement of the mandatory decision will take place in two phases, as the first phase begins on January 1, 2025, AD, and will include mobile phones, tablets, digital cameras, e-readers, portable video game devices, headphones, earphones, amplifiers, and tablets. keys, computer pointer devices (mouse), in addition to mobile navigation systems, portable speakers, and wireless routers (routers). The second phase will start on April 1, 2026, and will include portable computers.



SFDA Issues an Update to the Mechanism for Classifying Food Supplement Products to Register Them

The Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) announced, in a circular issued by it, that it has updated the mechanism for classifying food supplement products to register them. The authority stated that all food supplement products are classified as (Food) if:

- Its conformity with the requirements of Saudi Technical Regulation No. (SFDA.FD55 "Nutritional Supplements").
- Not to exceed the limits of vitamins and minerals according to the table contained in this regulation, except products whose labels bear medical or therapeutic claims, or if they contain medicinal ingredients or herbs.

The Authority indicated that the implementation of this circular will start from the date of 6/8/2023 AD.



Obligation of Application of Energy Efficiency Labels for Dishwashers Next November

The Saudi Standards, Metrology, and Quality Organization SASO announced, in a circular issued by it, that starting from November 1, 2023, it will be obligatory to give an Energy Efficiency Label for electric dishwasher products, in addition to registering the required certificate of conformity (IECEE), to issue the consignment certificate through the Saber electronic platform.

SASO stressed that the implementation of this mandatory comes to raise the level of safe products in the Saudi market.



SFDA "DAEM" Initiative Raises Percentage of Factories That Have (A+) Classification to 18%

The Saudi Food and Drug Authority SFDA has worked to raise the quality of national industries through a specialized technical team that provides support and development, as part of its initiatives to raise the efficiency of the production operations of local factories.

The support and development team "DAEM" works to visit the targeted factories according to an annual plan to provide technical support through experts and specialists from the "Authority"; To help them achieve rates of compliance with the regulations and technical requirements approved by the Authority, and ideal manufacturing practices to ensure the safety of products.

The initiative and field visits by the authority's team (supportive) contributed to increasing the establishments' commitment to applying the regulations and requirements, solving the difficulties and obstacles facing factories, raising the efficiency of production operations while preserving the safety of products, and supporting unlicensed establishments in obtaining the authority's license.



SFDA obtains two "ISO" Certificates in Applying the Standards of Information Technology Service Management and Risk Management

The Saudi Food and Drug Authority SFDA obtained the ISO certificate (ISO 20000) in the application of the information technology services management standard, and the certificate (ISO 22301) in risk management, after it fulfilled all the requirements and standards necessary to obtain it from the International Organization for Standardization.

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SASO Adopts New Mandatory Specifications Updates for Chargers

The Saudi Standards, Metrology, and Quality Organization SASO decided, during its meeting No. (01/193/2023), held on 1/15/1445 AH, to update the mandatory standards of smartphones, tablets, and electronic devices chargers, to include:

- Standard Specification: **Universal Serial Bus (USB) Communication Interfaces for Data and Power - Part 1 - 2: General Components - Power Delivery Specifications for (USB):** To be complied with as of 1/1/2025 AD.
- Standard Specification: **Data and Power (USB) Universal Serial Bus Communication Interfaces - Part 1 - 3: Universal Serial Bus Communication Interfaces - General Components - Connector and Cable Specifications for (USB) Type-C™:** To be complied with as of 1/1/2025 AD.

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