

The Monthly Newsletter

This newsletter will document all quality industry and importation-related developments in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

It provides a monthly summary of all Saudi market developments and news related to regulatory changes made by the Saudi Standards and Quality Authority. This includes information on products intended for sale in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

SASO approved 3 technical amendments

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization decided to adopt an amendment to about 3 Saudi technical regulations During its meeting No. (114), held on 6/14/1445 AH.

- **Technical regulations for detergents**
- **Technical regulations for gas-powered devices and their accessories**
- **Technical regulations for paper and cardboard**



The Standardization Organization approves 365 Gulf standards and technical regulations

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At its fifty-seventh meeting, the Technical Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council Standardization Organization approved 349 new Gulf standards for various goods and products.

The Chairman of the Standardization Organization, Saud bin Nasser Al-Khasibi, explained that the council approved a new set of Gulf standard specifications covering different sectors.

In addition, they agreed to approve 16 draft Gulf technical regulations. These regulations were recommended to be submitted to the Ministerial Committee for Standardization Affairs for adoption as mandatory Gulf technical regulations. The Council also approved 40 standard specification translation projects for Gulf technical regulations and the plans of the Gulf technical committees for specifications for the year 2024 AD.

SASO approved some updates for issuing national recognition certificates

The Saudi Standards, Metrology, and Quality Organization has approved an update to the regulations for issuing national recognition certificates. The decision was made during its 45th meeting on 1st June 1445 AH. The update is by the conformity assessment systems of the International Electrotechnical Organization (IEC), Document No. (CE-173-19-04). The changes are as follows:

- The name of the list has been amended.
- The contents and introduction have been modified.
- The provisions of Article One have been amended and some definitions have been added.
- The provisions of Articles Two and Three have been reworded.
- A fourth article clause has been added.
- The provisions of Article Five have been amended and redrafted.
- Articles (6,8,9,10,13,14) have been amended and rephrased.
- New materials (7,11,12) have been added.



“Saudi Standards” registers more than 6 million products through the Saber platform

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization recently reported that the Saber platform has successfully registered 6 million products since its launch in 2020. In addition, the platform has issued more than 3.5 million conformity and consignment certificates. Nearly 80 thousand users have benefited from the platform, which has helped to improve the conformity index to 83.14%. Saber has also won the Technical Excellence Award in the Middle East and the prestigious IDC Best Business Transformation Model Award, recognizing its impartiality and outstanding performance.

The Saber platform is a key component of the Saudi Product Safety Program. It provides a seamless experience for suppliers and manufacturers and is constantly improved to enhance its ease of use.



“Saudi Standards” verifies the outputs of accepted bodies for conformity assessment

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization conducted an audit tour in Norway and Britain on the bodies accepted for conformity assessment, as part of its continuous efforts to achieve the highest quality standards and ensure the safety of products traded in Saudi markets.

These rounds aim to verify the quality of the outputs of the accepted bodies in evaluating the conformity of goods and to ensure their adherence to the quality and safety standards required following Saudi technical specifications and regulations. This activity comes within the framework of the product safety program, which seeks to enhance consumer confidence and ensure that goods comply with standard specifications.

“Saudi Standards” follows up the work of conformity assessment bodies accepted in China



As part of their ongoing efforts to maintain high standards of quality and safety, the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization are conducting field audits of conformity assessment bodies. A team of auditors from Saudi Arabia is currently present in Hangzhou, People's Republic of China, to evaluate and verify the quality of these bodies' outputs. These conformity assessment bodies are responsible for evaluating the conformity of imported goods and ensuring their compliance with Saudi technical regulations.

This tour is being conducted as part of the Product Safety Program, which aims to ensure that Chinese goods and products meet Saudi technical specifications and regulations. The success of this program will positively impact the quality of outputs from these authorities and contribute to a higher level of product conformity in Saudi markets.

The first meetings of the International Scientific Advisory Council for Food Safety were held

The International Scientific Advisory Council for Food Safety held its first meeting, at the headquarters of the Food and Drug Authority in Riyadh, in the presence of experts in the field of food safety from Britain, Australia, Italy, Ireland and Korea.

Council members also discussed, through workshops during the period 13 - 15 February 2024, several topics including scientific assessment of food risks, food risk communication, food poisoning, and developing the necessary solutions to reduce the causes and causes of food poisoning incidents.

The Standards Authority launches its laboratories in Jeddah Islamic Port

The new laboratory building of the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization in the Jeddah Islamic Port of the Makkah Al-Mukarramah region was inaugurated by Dr. Saad bin Othman Al-Qasabi, the Governor of the organization. The building's opening is part of the authority's strategy to enhance the quality infrastructure in the Kingdom, simplify the process of accessing local and global markets for products, and improve the quality of services offered.

It is worth noting that the Saudi specifications have a sophisticated technical system consisting of 26 specialized laboratories, staffed by national human cadres with scientific and technical expertise. These laboratories are equipped with the latest technologies and devices.

