

The Monthly Newsletter

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Tabseer successfully discussed the requirements for the Conformity certificate for detergents through a virtual workshop

Tabseer Company held a virtual workshop on the requirements for obtaining the Saudi Certificate of Conformity for detergent products, on Wednesday, August 2024, 28.

The discussion topics in the workshop included several points, including the terms related to issuing the Saudi Certificate of Conformity for detergent products, the detergent products that require a certificate of conformity, and the requirements for obtaining a certificate of conformity for detergent products, and the steps for implementing the service, which includes the customer's journey with Tabseer to obtain a certificate of conformity for detergents.



Tabseer Tech Certification organises a virtual workshop in cooperation with the Export Council for Food Industries

لمجلس التصدير للصناعات الغذائية
مجلس
FOOD EXPORT COUNCIL
EGYPT

Tabseer Tech Certification held a virtual workshop on product conformity certificate procedures for the Saudi market, with the Export Council for Food Industries.

The workshop was attended by Eng. Fathy Ghali, Business Development Manager, Tabseer Branch - Egypt, and Ms. Hebal Sohail, Director of Exhibitions and Member Services Department at the Export Council for Food Industries.



SASO approved many standard specifications that cover several sectors

The Saudi Standards, Metrology, and Quality Organization approved 177 Saudi standard specifications and adopted 430 standard specifications across various sectors during its meeting (2024/47/05) held on 2024/6/10. These sectors include:

- Chemical and Petroleum Specifications
- Electrical and Electronic Specifications
- Spinning and Weaving Specifications
- Measurements and Weights Specifications
- Mechanical and Metal Specifications
- Construction and Building Materials Specifications
- Services Specifications For more details, please visit the following link: <https://uqn.gov.sa/details?p=25345>



المواصفات السعودية
Saudi Standards

The SFDA approved 16 Gulf Standards Specifications in the Food and Feed Aspect

The General Authority for Food and Drugs announced the approval of about (16) new Gulf standard specifications in the field of food and feed, which will enter into force soon.

The new standards include many products such as meat, dairy products, and others.



الهيئة العامة للغذاء والدواء
Saudi Food & Drug Authority



A memorandum of understanding was signed between Jeddah University and SASO

المواصفات السعودية
Saudi Standards

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization has signed a memorandum of understanding with Jeddah University, to strengthen the strategic partnership between the two parties by providing rehabilitation, training, consulting and research services, and exchanging expertise in areas related to the activities of both parties to serve the community.

The areas of cooperation included organizing training programs and joint workshops to develop the skills of students and employees, in addition to providing the necessary consultations in the areas of quality and standard specifications and developing joint research projects.



جامعة جدة
University of Jeddah



Technical proficiency tests in the Gulf were first offered by the National Center for Measurement and Calibration



المركز الوطني للقياس والمعايرة
National Measurement & Calibration Center

The laboratories of the Technical Proficiency Testing Unit at the National Center for Measurement and Calibration at the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization have obtained the accreditation of the Saudi Accreditation Center (SAAC) by the requirements of the specification (ISO17043), as the first provider of technical proficiency tests in the field of measurement and calibration at the Gulf level.

The accreditation included 37 qualitative technical programs provided by the centre, reflecting its commitment to excellence and quality in providing technical services, and enhancing the Kingdom's position as a pioneer in this field at the regional level.

Governor of SASO Expresses Gratitude to Leadership for Approval of Product Safety and Quality Systems

His Excellency Dr. Saad bin Othman Al-Qasabi, Governor of the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO), has extended his deepest thanks to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, following the Cabinet's decision to approve the Product Safety System and the Specifications and Quality System.

In his statement, Dr. Al-Qasabi emphasized that the newly approved systems are expected to bring about a significant improvement in the safety of both imported and locally manufactured products available in the Saudi market. He highlighted that these systems will not only enhance product safety but also serve as vital tools for attracting high-quality investments and empowering national investments. Additionally, Dr. Al-Qasabi noted that these systems will play a crucial role in boosting competitiveness and quality across the Saudi market.

Dr. Al-Qasabi concluded by reiterating his confidence in the positive impact that the Product Safety Specifications and Quality Systems will have on the Kingdom's market, ensuring higher standards of safety and quality for all.

Jeddah Chamber Hosts Workshop on Quality System Qualification Services for SMEs in the Logistics Sector



The Jeddah Chamber recently organized a workshop titled "Quality System Qualification Services for Small and Medium Enterprises in the Logistics Sector," in collaboration with the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO). The workshop was conducted via video call, bringing together experts and participants to discuss crucial aspects of quality management.

The primary objective of the workshop was to promote a culture of quality among SMEs in the logistics sector. It aimed to unify and simplify definitions and concepts related to quality management systems, thereby enhancing the efficiency of both administrative and technical management within establishments. The workshop also focused on the continuous improvement of performance in line with quality management systems, ensuring that SMEs can meet the highest standards in their operations.

By fostering a deeper understanding of quality systems, the Jeddah Chamber hopes to empower SMEs in the logistics sector, enabling them to improve their services, remain competitive, and contribute to the overall growth of the Saudi economy.

SFDA confirms growth in registration and licensing results during the first quarter of 2024



The General Authority for Food and Drugs has reported a significant increase in registration and licensing activity during the first quarter of 2024. This growth is attributed to the support and empowerment provided by the Authority to investors in the sectors under its supervision.

According to the Authority, there has been a notable 16% increase in the issuance of licenses for factories, and drug and cosmetic warehouses. This surge is a direct result of the support extended to local investment. Additionally, the index for product classification has experienced a substantial 25% growth, indicating heightened customer awareness of legislative regulations and regulatory processes overseen by the Authority.

These developments underscore the increasing confidence in the regulatory framework and the proactive engagement of stakeholders in keeping abreast of the Authority's periodic updates.

SFDA Hosts Workshop to Support Entrepreneurs in the Cosmetic Products Industry

The General Authority for Food and Drugs recently held a workshop titled "Supporting Entrepreneurs and Emerging Establishments in the Field of Cosmetic Products" at its Training and Conference Center in Riyadh. The workshop was designed to provide support to entrepreneurs, officials from emerging establishments, and those interested in local investment within the cosmetic products sector.

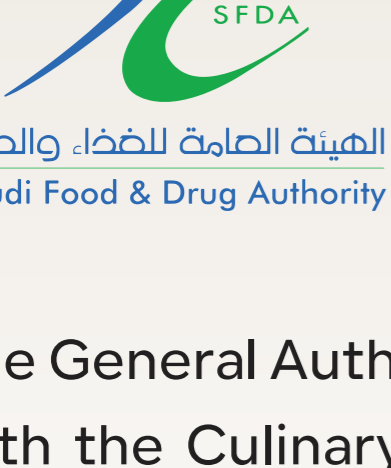


During the workshop, participants were briefed on the executive and technical regulations, as well as the 154 approved standard specifications governing the manufacturing and marketing of cosmetic products. The session aimed to enhance understanding of these regulations, ensuring that all stakeholders are equipped to meet the highest standards in the industry.

Additionally, the workshop reviewed the latest developments in the Saudi cosmetic products market, highlighting the growing investment opportunities. The Authority also outlined its regulatory roles and responsibilities, emphasizing its commitment to ensuring the safety and quality of all cosmetic products available in the market.

By hosting this workshop, the General Authority for Food and Drugs continues to demonstrate its dedication to fostering a supportive environment for entrepreneurs and emerging businesses in the cosmetics industry, contributing to the sector's growth and sustainability.

SFDA Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Culinary Arts Authority



The General Authority for Food and Drugs has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Culinary Arts Authority, marking a significant step toward enhancing cooperation between the two entities. The agreement aims to facilitate the exchange of information on scientific research in the field of food, foster collaboration on related projects and initiatives, and share valuable statistical data.

The MoU outlines a framework for both parties to collaborate on developing qualitative projects and opportunities, focusing on areas of common interest. This cooperation will also help activate the role of the Culinary Arts Authority in ensuring best practices within the culinary sector at the local level.

Furthermore, the agreement enables the exchange of information related to consumer behavior, food health, and safety. It also supports joint research and studies, contributing to the advancement of both the food and culinary arts sectors in Saudi Arabia.

By signing this memorandum, the General Authority for Food and Drug and the Culinary Arts Authority reaffirm their commitment to promoting food safety, enhancing the culinary arts, and ensuring the highest standards in both fields across the Kingdom.