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The Monthly Newsletter

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Tabseer is Hosting a Virtual Webinar on The Requirements for Obtaining the Saudi Quality Mark for Gas Pressure Regulators & Automatic Change-Over Devices

Tabseer is organizing a virtual webinar on the requirements to obtain the Saudi Quality Mark for Gas Pressure Regulators & Automatic Change-Over Devices on Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024 at 11:00 AM, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM. The webinar between three separate timing points, including the types of gas pressure regulators, standard specifications for Gas Pressure Regulators, and Automatic Change-Over Devices, and the steps and requirements for gas pressure regulators. In addition, the webinar covered SASO's role in granting the Saudi Quality Mark, the importance of the Saudi Quality Mark for local manufacturers, the Saudi Quality Mark for businesses, common industry challenges, the client's journey to the SGML, and a breakdown of certification fee

Tabseer And the Egyptian Organization for Standardization & Quality (EOS) Have Entered into A Bilateral Cooperation to Boost Exports Between Egypt to The Kingdom

Eng. Emad Issa, CEO at Tabseer, has highlighted Egypt companies' commitment to assisting the increase of exports from Egypt to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Eng. Issa made this remark during his speech in the webinar that covered the technical requirements for Egyptian exports to enter the Saudi market. The workshop was organized in collaboration with the Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality (EOS) and is led by the head of the Chairman of EOS.

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CEO of Tabseer: Prioritizing Certification Services Can Boost Exports

Engineer Emad Issa, CEO of Tabseer, emphasized the company's commitment to cooperate with the Egyptian Organization Standards and Quality to boost exports between Egypt and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This comes during his speech in the webinar of a workshop on the specifications and requirements for Egyptian exports to the Saudi market. The workshop was organized in collaboration with the Egyptian Organization for Standards and Quality, and was attended by the president of Egyptian Standards and Quality, Engineer Ali Ibrahim.

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Tabseer Participated in the International Industry Fairs (FABEX)

Tabseer has participated in the activities of the 7th International Exhibition for Metal Industries Fairs (FABEX) organized by the Center for Exhibitions and Business Development and Leadership Centre (BCDL).

During the exhibition, Tabseer's technical team focused on introducing industry leaders and businesses from Chinese manufacturers to conformity assessment services that contribute to enhancing the quality of products and services.

Further, the exhibition emphasized the latest trends in the industrial sector and a wide array of advanced machines working live in front of visitors.

Bringing together over 750 companies from 25 countries worldwide, FABEX experienced a significant increase in visitors and important meetings among industry leaders.

Egypt & Saudi Arabia Signed an Agreement to Encourage Bilateral Investments

Egypt and Saudi Arabia have signed a bilateral investment agreement, commercial and economic agreements, highlighting the formation of the Egyptian-Saudi Supreme Coordination Council to oversee and coordinate bilateral investment initiatives and economic ties.

Furthermore, Egypt and Saudi Arabia have discussed enhancing economic partnerships through various sectors, including industrial, agricultural, and technological fields, aiming to boost bilateral trade.

These actions underline the importance of the visit made by his Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, to Egypt on October 4, 2024, at the invitation of President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi. These agreements underscore the commitment to deepen and strengthen alignment within the objectives of Egypt and the Kingdom's Vision 2030.

The exchange welcomed approximately 100 Egyptian companies. Engineer of Saudi Arabia has witnessed remarkable development in recent years. This progress is driven by the close bilateral cooperation between the two countries, with a strong emphasis on the implementation of numerous joint investment projects that enhance bilateral cooperation across various sectors.

Al-Qoaibi Heads the Kingdom's Delegation at the 59th Meeting of the Gulf Standardization Organization

The Secretary General of the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization, Dr. Saeed Al-Qoaibi, headed the Kingdom's delegation at the 59th meeting of the Technical Council of the GCC Standardization Organization (GSO), which took place in the Sultanate of Oman, with the participation of the Gulf Standardization Organization's Member States.

GSO plays a crucial role in developing and standardizing specifications across the region through cooperation with member states' national standards bodies.

Its efforts have led to the development of over 20,000 standard specifications across various sectors, including industrial, agricultural, and technological fields, aiming to boost trade and ease the flow of goods and services within the Gulf countries.

The Saudi Standards Organization and the Gulf Standardization Organization are both keeping up with technological developments by implementing digital transformation initiatives. They are also working on developing standard specifications that align with the requirements of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

SABER Launches Training Manual for Chat Service Between Commercial Establishments and Conformity Assessment Bodies

SABER has launched a chat service aimed at enhancing communication between commercial establishments and conformity assessment bodies. The service facilitates communication between the parties and ensures the exchange of technical information between the establishment and conformity assessment bodies.

According to the training manual, applicants can initiate a conversation with the conformity assessment body by following the steps outlined in the training manual:

- The request has not been submitted.
- The request has been submitted but has not been approved of fees.
- The request has been approved, but the product's conformity certificate was issued, or the certificate has expired.

Starting From January 2025, All Importers and Companies Shall Register the Imported Goods on SABER

The Saudi Zakat, Tax, and Customs Authority has announced a significant update regarding product importation into the Kingdom. Effective January 2025, 1 all importers and companies will be required to register their imported goods on the SABER platform. This initiative aims to streamline customs clearance processes and mitigate potential issues related to customs compliance.

The new system will facilitate the verification of goods against SASO's technical conformity and shipment requirements, ensuring that only compliant items enter the Saudi market. The Saudi Customs Authority recent initiatives to enhance customs clearance protocols for various products and exhibits aiming Saudi to uphold rigorous standards for approved commodities and safeguard public health.

It's worth noting that this step contributes to strengthening consumer confidence in the products traded in the Kingdom. The initiative underscores the Kingdom's commitment to import processes, enabling streamlined tracking from origin to final consumer.

SASO Announced Updates to The Procedures for Granting the Saudi Quality Mark.

The Saudi Standards, Metrology, and Quality Organization has issued a circular updating the procedures for granting the Saudi Quality Mark for the following products:

- Fiberglass lighting poles
- Electrical extension cords
- Engine radiators
- Fire extinguishers
- Pipe systems and accessories for electrical cable tools
- LPG gas cylinders and accessories
- Ceramic tiles

SASO Recently Published Draft Executive Regulations for Its Product Safety System

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization has announced the launch of the first mandatory regulations aimed at enhancing product safety in the Kingdom. Published on the organization's survey platform, these regulations mandate that manufacturers and importers ensure their products meet safety standards before they are offered for sale in the Saudi market.

The Authority invites public feedback and has set October 21st, 2024, as the deadline for participation in the survey. This initiative marks a significant step towards ensuring consumer safety in Saudi Arabia.

SASO Issues Updates to Technical Regulations for SABER

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization has updated the list of products for which fees will be subject to technical regulations on the SABER electronic platform within 30 days from 2024/12/10.

The updated technical rules include technical regulations for fabricating pots, machinery, safety, and building materials.

"GSO" Approves (1130) Gulf Standard Specifications

The Technical Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council Standardization Organization approved about 1130 Gulf standard specifications during its 59th meeting. The meeting, which took place in the Sultanate of Oman, Governor of the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization, resulted in a set of decisions and recommendations to support the Gulf standard process.

SASO Decided to Approve Updating (89) Standard Specifications

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization decided during its meeting No. (246), held on Tuesday 1/11/2024, to approve updating (89) standard specifications.

This includes around (28) standard specifications adopted from the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), which aim to harmonize the standards from the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) standards from the International Standard Specifications (ISO/IEC), 14 standards from the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), 2 standards from the European Committee for Electrical Standardization (CENL and 3) standard from Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

The updated standard specifications are:

- Overhead and Portable Lamps for Use in Damp Places
- Electrical and Electronic Specifications Switch
- Electrical and Electronic Specifications Switch
- Weights & Measures Specifications Switch
- Mechanical Specifications Switch
- Construction and Building Materials Sector
- Services Specifications Sector

The Official Gazette Publishes Amendments to The Controls for Customs Procedures

The Official Gazette Umm Al-Qura has published amendments to the controls for customs procedures, as per Administrative Decision No. (2024-14-1448) issued by the Customs Authority. Below are the required documentation in the Unified Customs Procedures Manual and intricate modifications to customs clearance stages.

January 2025, 1: Implementation of The First Mandatory Phase to Unify Charging Ports For Mobiles Phones and Electronic Devices In The Kingdom

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) and the Communications, Space & Technology Commission (CSTC) have announced the launch of the first mandatory phase for unifying charging ports for mobile phones and electronic devices in the Saudi market, set to begin on January 2025, 1. This regulation requires companies and suppliers to standardize charging ports to the "USB Type-C" model, in line with technical and administrative standards outlined in relevant technical regulations.

The first mandatory phase will apply to the following products:

- Mobile phones
- Tablets
- Digital cameras
- E-readers
- Portable video game consoles
- Headphones
- Headsets
- Portable speakers
- Amplified speakers
- Keyboards
- Computer mice
- Portable navigation systems
- Wireless routers

SASO Organizes the 9TH National Quality Conference (NQC)

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) is set to host the 9th National Quality Conference, themed "Quality in the Age of Artificial Intelligence." This event will take place under the patronage of His Excellency Dr. Majid bin Abdullah Al-Qasabi, the Minister of Commerce, Vice-President and Board of Directors Member of SASO, on October 13 to 20, 2024, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Riyadh.

The conference aims to recognize the pivotal role of advanced technologies in enhancing quality standards. It will focus on the importance of investing in innovative technological methodologies within the quality sector and provide successful local and international experiences that leverage advanced technologies to improve service quality.

Participants will discuss the organization's plan for the upcoming first generation of quality concepts to boost efficiency and achieve excellence. The conference will also showcase the latest studies and research aimed at promoting the adoption of modern quality and research standard technologies in quality management. Additionally, it will facilitate communication and the exchange of experiences among stakeholders, fostering a strategic partnership to achieve specific quality objectives using cutting-edge technologies.

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On October 20th, 24, the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) organized the 9th National Quality Forum under the slogan "Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure", under the esteemed patronage of His Excellency the Minister of Commerce and Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Organization, Dr. Majid bin Abdullah Al-Qasabi. The forum discussed several topics, including the role of standards in enhancing the industry through modern technologies (3D printing), sustainable development, and infrastructure in the industry, in promoting infrastructure sustainability, particularly in the context of future transportation technologies.

The primary objective of the forum is to enhance the quality of products and services in the Kingdom through the application of standards that focus on modern technologies. Additionally, it aims to raise awareness about the significance of using standards within local industries and service facilities.

SASO Wins Two Global Awards in Project Management

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) has been honored with two global excellence awards as part of the Project Management Institute's (PMI) "PMO Global Awards." This prestigious recognition is awarded to organizations that have demonstrated outstanding performance across various domains. SASO's achievement highlights its commitment to excellence in project management and its dedication to enhancing standards and quality in Saudi Arabia.

The two awards recognized SASO's exceptional performance in capacity development, highlighting its efforts to enhance organizational capabilities.

These awards highlight our ability to consistently deliver high-quality projects that meet the evolving needs of our clients.

The Gulf Standardization Organization Celebrates World Standards Day 2024

The GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) joins standards organizations worldwide in the countries of the world in celebrating the 54th World Standards Day, which falls on the 14th of October of each year and marks the anniversary of founding the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) on 14 October 1947.

Dr. Saeed bin Ahmed Al-Ghais, Chairman of the GCC Standardization Organization, emphasized in his speech that this year's celebration focuses on the 11th goal of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) "Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure in the Age of Artificial Intelligence (AI)." He highlighted the critical role of the standardization organization in developing and sustaining standards that ensure the Gulf region's future technological innovation and ensure that it serves humanity in a sustainable, ethical, and responsible manner, while also building resilient infrastructure for a prosperous future.

GCC Standardization Organization Signs a Memorandum of Understanding & A Regional Adoption Agreement with The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)

His Excellency Eng. Nasser bin Ibrahim Al-Ghais, President of the GCC Standardization Organization (GSO), and His Excellency Mr. Philip Metzger, Secretary General of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), signed a Memorandum of understanding and a regional adoption agreement. The signing took place during the 59th meeting of the IEC General Assembly, currently being held in Edinburgh, Scotland, from October 7 to October 25, 2024.

The President of GSO explained that the memorandum of understanding aims to enhance communication and cooperation between the two organizations. It covers several areas, including the exchange of technical information related to electrotechnical standardization, capacity-building programs, and the sharing of expertise. The agreement also covers the adoption of IEC standards and conformity assessment services to meet market demands, facilitate global trade, and increase the participation of experts and specialists from GSO member states in various committees.

«Saudi Exports» Launches «Import from Saudi» Service to Enhance the Presence of National Products in International Markets

The Saudi Export Development Authority has launched the "Import from Saudi" service, which aims to connect international importers with Saudi exporters to facilitate the import process and to develop national products to new global markets.

This service comes as part of the Authority's efforts to open new horizons for Saudi products globally and to enhance their presence in new markets. It aims to achieve its vision aimed at achieving sustainable growth in the Kingdom's non-oil exports.