



## The Monthly Newsletter

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### Tabseer organizes a virtual workshop on the requirements for obtaining the Gulf Conformity Mark

Tabseer organised a virtual workshop on the requirements for obtaining the Gulf Conformity Mark for low-voltage electrical appliances and equipment on Wednesday, November 2024, 27 (Jumada Al-Awwal 1446, 25 AH).

The workshop covered several key topics, including an introduction to the Gulf Conformity Mark, the role of the Gulf Standardization Organization, the technical requirements for obtaining the mark, the areas where the mark is granted, and the categories of devices involved. Additionally, participants discussed the steps required to obtain the mark and the role of Tabseer as a registered entity with the Gulf Standardization Organization in providing mark-granting services.

Tabseer Company participated in the 34th Saudi Build Exhibition 2024, held from November 4 to 7 at the Riyadh International Convention and Exhibition Center.

The delegation participating in the exhibition was headed by Dr Mustafa Afifi, Director of Certification and General Manager of Quality Mark Management at Tabseer Company, as the exhibition is an opportunity to meet decision-makers, project owners, specialists, engineers, and consultants who seek to meet their needs by participating in the events by displaying their innovative products and solutions.

This year, about 600 companies in various sectors from more than 30 countries around the world participated in the exhibition with the aim of learning about the latest innovations and technologies in the field of construction and building, learning about the latest developments, and benefiting from smart technologies to build an innovative and sustainable future.

The exhibition's categories included many sectors, such as interior design and finishing, heating, air conditioning, and ventilation, building services technologies, factories, heavy machinery and vehicles, building and construction materials, and stone industry technologies.

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### "Saudi Standards" approves the executive regulations of the Specifications and Quality System

During its meeting No. 203, held on November 2024, 15, the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization approved the executive regulations for the Specifications and Quality System.

These regulations aim to clarify the rules related to standardisation and quality. They also outline the processes for preparing, adopting, reviewing, and implementing specifications and related documents. However, it is important to note that products and services under the jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Authority are exempt from these regulations.

### "Saudi Specifications" approves the executive regulations of the Product Safety System

المواصفات السعودية  
Saudi Standards

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization convened for its meeting No. (203) on November, 15 2024, and approved the executive regulations of the Product Safety System.

The regulations apply to all products placed or displayed in markets, whether through physical stores or online. This includes new items, used or previously repaired goods, raw materials, processed items, tangible and intangible products, products integrated into other items, and non-transferable products. Additionally, the regulations cover products presented to consumers as part of services.

### Saudi Standards Organization Approves New Product Safety Regulations

In a significant move towards enhancing consumer protection, the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization has officially approved the executive regulations of the Product Safety System. This decision was made during their recent meeting No. (203), held on November 2024, 15. The new regulations encompass a broad range of products, including both new and used items displayed in markets or online, as well as raw materials and processed goods. Notably, the regulations also extend to tangible and intangible products and those integrated into other items or provided as part of services. This comprehensive framework aims to ensure that consumers have access to safe and reliable products, reinforcing the commitment to public safety and quality in the marketplace.

### Adoption of (10) new Gulf technical regulations and withdrawal of (6) rules for several goods and products

The eighth meeting of the Ministerial Committee for Standardization Affairs of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries took place at the end of October in Doha, the capital of Qatar. The meeting was chaired by Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad bin Qassim Al Thani, the Minister of Commerce and Industry of Qatar, and attended by the committee members, including the Ministers of Commerce and Industry responsible for standardization in the GCC countries. Also present was Engineer Nawaf bin Ibrahim Al Manea, the Chairman of the Standardization Organization for the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf.

Approximately ten new Gulf technical regulations were approved during the meeting, while six existing regulations concerning various goods and products were withdrawn. Additionally, the budget for the Authority for the fiscal year 2025 was approved.

### Gulf Cooperation Council Reports Over 27,600 Approved Standards and Regulations

Doha, October 2024, 31 – The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf has announced a significant milestone, with the total number of approved Gulf standards and technical regulations exceeding 27,600. Jassim Mohammed Al-Badawi, Secretary-General of the Cooperation Council, highlighted that this achievement plays a crucial role in facilitating trade exchange, ensuring product safety, and enhancing the attractiveness of the Gulf investment environment.



During the eighth meeting of the Ministerial Committee for Standardization Affairs, held in Doha and chaired by Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad bin Qassim Al Thani, the Minister of Commerce and Industry in Qatar, Al-Badawi expressed pride in the collaboration between the Authority and national standardization bodies. He emphasized that these results not only reflect the effectiveness of their joint efforts but also serve as motivation to continue supporting the Standardization Authority in achieving the economic goals set forth by the GCC system.

The meeting was attended by the Ministers of Commerce and Industry from Gulf Cooperation Council countries, as well as Eng. Nawaf bin Ibrahim Al Mana, Chairman of the Standardization Organization for GCC countries. This gathering underscored the commitment of member states to uphold high standards and regulations that bolster regional trade and economic growth.



### GSO Participates in the 19th General Assembly Meeting of the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries

The Gulf Standardization Organization participated in the 19th General Assembly Meeting of the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIC), held on November 2024, 13, in Istanbul, Turkey.

Eng. Nawaf bin Ibrahim Al-Manea, Chairman of the Organization, emphasized its role in supporting various standardization activities and monitoring their implementation in collaboration with member states. This cooperation helps ensure product safety and service efficiency, facilitates inter-trade among member states, and prevents unnecessary technical barriers to trade. Ultimately, this effort aims to achieve economic integration and improve quality of life in strengthening international practices.

He also highlighted the Institute's role in strengthening the infrastructure for standardization and quality, as well as enhancing integration, competitiveness, and economic development among the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

### The 9th National Quality Conference concludes its activities with a set of recommendations

المؤتمر الوطني التاسع للجودة  
The 9th National Quality Conference

The 9th National Quality Conference, organized by the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization, concluded after three days of discussions under the theme "Quality in the Age of Advanced Technologies." The event was held under the patronage of His Excellency Dr. Majid bin Abdullah Al-Qasabi, the Minister of Commerce and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization.

More than 60 experts participated in the conference, presenting various working papers and topics related to quality and advanced technologies. The conference's recommendations highlighted the importance of implementing standard specifications for advanced technologies to achieve meaningful development in vital sectors such as health, education, industry, and the military. Additionally, the recommendations emphasized the need to support entrepreneurship and emerging companies in the field of advanced technologies to enhance the quality of technical products and promote sustainability.

### Al-Qasabi: Specifications, standards and quality enhance industrial development and local content

Dr. Saad bin Othman Al-Qasabi, the Governor of the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization, emphasized the crucial role of the organization in fostering industrial development in the Kingdom. He noted that specifications, standards, and quality are fundamental to any industrial progress and are essential for meeting national requirements, including the enhancement of local content.

This meeting was held during his participation in a dialogue session titled "Integration of Government Efforts in Developing Local Content," held as part of the second edition of the Local Content Forum in Riyadh.

Dr. Al-Qasabi explained that the organization is dedicated to continuously developing standard specifications for all products, ensuring the involvement of both the private and government sectors in formulating these standards to achieve the highest levels of quality.

### The Kingdom is ranked first in the Arab world and 20th globally in the "Quality Infrastructure for Sustainable Development" Index

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has achieved first place in the Arab world and in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, and twentieth place globally, according to the Quality Infrastructure for Sustainable Development Index (QI4SD) for 2024. This index is calculated every two years by the United Nations Development Organization (UNIDO). Notably, the Kingdom improved its ranking by 25 places compared to the 2022 index.

Saudi Arabia's position among the top 20 countries worldwide highlights its commitment to enhancing the quality infrastructure in this index including its legislation and regulations. The elements of quality infrastructure assessed in this index include specifications, measurement and calibration, accreditation, conformity assessment, and national policies.

### Kingdom Secures Membership in SMIC Board of Directors and OIC Standardization and Accreditation Boards

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia won membership in the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIC/BoD) and the Standardization and Accreditation Boards of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) for the term (2027-2025).

This came after obtaining the majority of votes in the elections held during the meetings of the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIC) for the year 2024.

This victory confirms the Kingdom's position and effective influence in the activities of the Institute, its contribution and initiative in enhancing cooperation and trade exchange between member states, in addition to its efforts in unifying standard specifications and improving the quality of products and services, and it also enhances its role in enhancing quality and specifications at the regional and international levels.

هيئة الزكاة والضريبة والجمارك  
Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority

### Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority issues a guide for shipping brokers

The Zakat, Tax, and Customs Authority has released a guide for shipping brokers that outlines the process for registering licensed shipping brokers at customs ports. This guide details the tasks and responsibilities assigned to shipping brokers following their registration, as well as the requirements for registering authorized individuals on behalf of the shipping broker with the Authority.

### "Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority: Pre-Submission of Customs Declarations 72 Hours Before Shipment Arrival Boosts Clearance Efficiency"

The Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority has emphasized that submitting the customs declaration and necessary documents for import at least 72 hours before the shipment's arrival at customs ports is crucial. This step ensures the swift arrival of goods, accelerates the clearance process, and helps reduce import costs.

Hamoud Al-Harbi, the official spokesperson for the Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority, highlighted the importance of this practice for all clients and partners, including importers and customs brokers. He urged them to submit the customs declaration in advance and to verify the accuracy of the attached documents, such as the bill of lading and invoice. Additionally, he reminded them to complete all customs clearance requirements with the relevant authorities, especially for goods that require prior approvals before the import process.

### Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority calls on shipping brokers to benefit from customs services provided at seaports

The Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority has urged shipping brokers to take advantage of the service that allows for the splitting of shipments in shared containers at seaports across the Kingdom. This service is offered through the Authority's systems and includes the provision of customs data along with the capability to split incoming shipments. As a result, the shipping broker will be responsible for providing all necessary services until the shipment exits the customs port, allowing the customer to interact with only one party.

Additionally, the shipping broker is tasked with distributing and overseeing responsibilities among all relevant parties, such as transportation, navigation, customs clearance, and warehousing companies.

The Authority emphasized that the shipping broker plays a crucial role in the global supply chain process. The services provided by these brokers offer customers access to competitive pricing from customs brokers, transportation companies, and shipping agents. This, in turn, expands shipping options and helps reduce import and export costs.