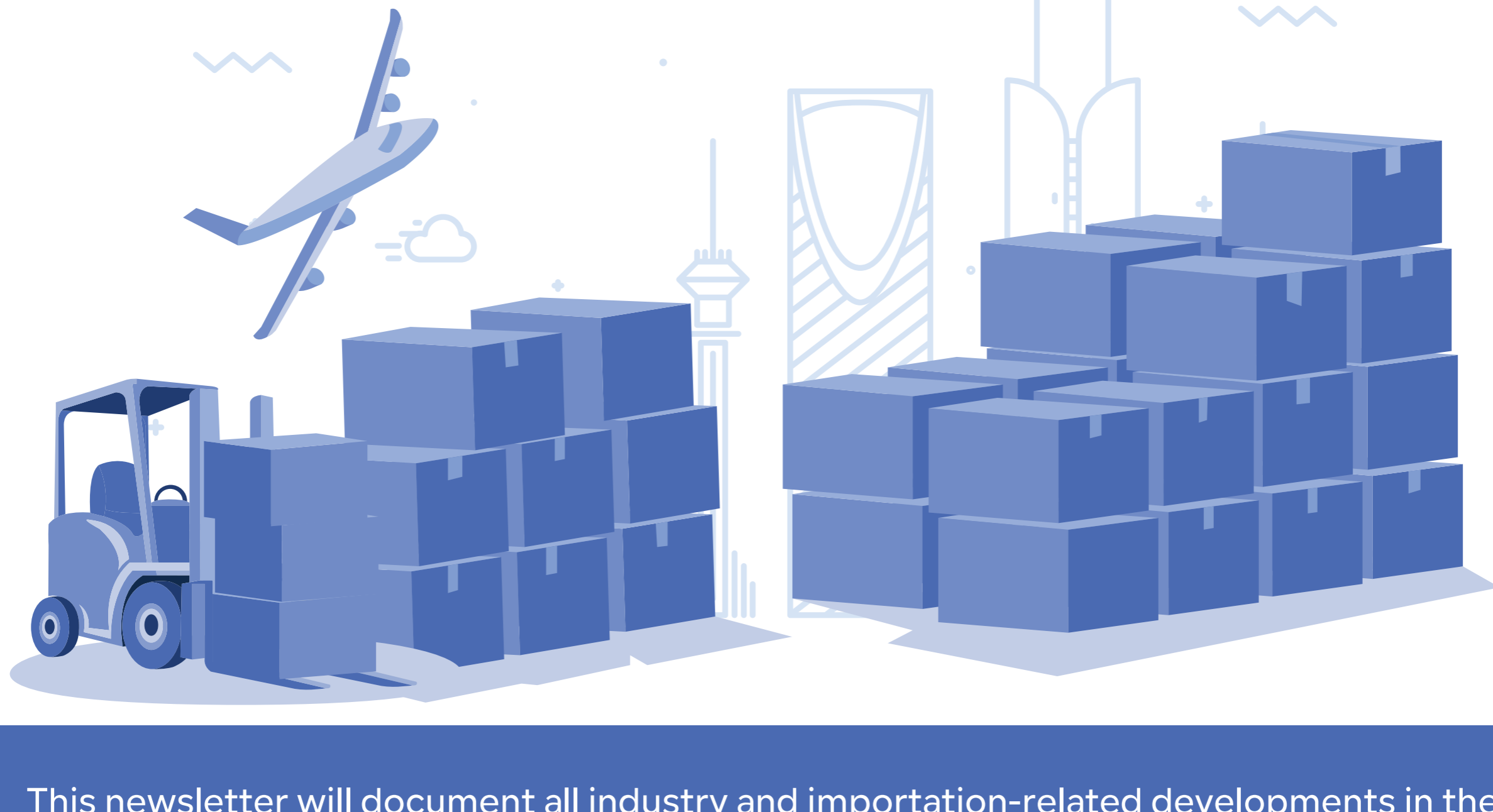


The Monthly Newsletter

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Virtual Workshop on Saudi Quality Mark & Certificate of Conformity for Detergent Products

Tabseer Company conducted a virtual workshop on the requirements for obtaining the Saudi Quality Mark and the Certificate of Conformity for detergent products on Tuesday, December 2024 ,31 (Jumada Al-Thani 1446 ,30 AH). The workshop covered several key topics, including the role of the Saudi Standards, Metrology, and Quality Organization in granting the Saudi Quality Mark, as well as Tabseer Company's position as an accredited conformity assessment body for this organization. Additionally, the workshop defined the Saudi Quality Mark outlined its features and requirements and discussed the customer's journey to obtain it. Other discussion points included audit visits to factories and the challenges faced by manufacturers.



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"Saudi Specifications" approves the technical regulations for tanks



The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization approved the technical regulations for tanks used to transport dry gas during its meeting No. (202) on March 2024 ,10.

This regulation applies to tanks designed for both compressed and liquefied dry gas types, such as LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) and CNG (Compressed Natural Gas). It aims to establish the fundamental requirements for these tanks and outlines the conformity assessment procedures that suppliers must follow to ensure their products meet these standards. This is intended to safeguard the health and safety of road users.

"Saudi Standards" wins the Arab Government Excellence Award for the Product Safety Initiative



The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization received the Arab Government Excellence Award in the category of Best Government Development Initiative or Experience for its Product Safety Initiative. This award was presented during the ceremony honouring the winners of the third session of the Arab Government Excellence Award.

The Arab Government Excellence Award is the first of its kind in the Arab world and is the largest award in the fields of development, improvement, and administrative excellence. It was launched at the initiative of the UAE government in collaboration with the League of Arab States to promote administrative development and government institutional excellence, while also recognizing pioneering administrative and government experiences throughout the Arab world.

Saudi Arabia and Egypt Agree to Cut Customs Clearance Time to 3 Hours to Enhance Trade Exchange

The Saudi Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority has signed a cooperation agreement with the Egyptian Customs Authority to establish mutual recognition of Authorized Economic Operator programs. This initiative aims to enhance collaboration between the two countries in customs and trade.

The agreement is intended to boost trade exchange and improve supply chains in international commerce, offering mutual benefits to the private sectors of both Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

One of the key provisions of the agreement is the reduction of customs clearance time to a maximum of three hours, down from the previous three days. This measure is designed to facilitate the efficient and rapid entry of Egyptian goods into the Saudi market, thereby increasing trade opportunities between the two nations.



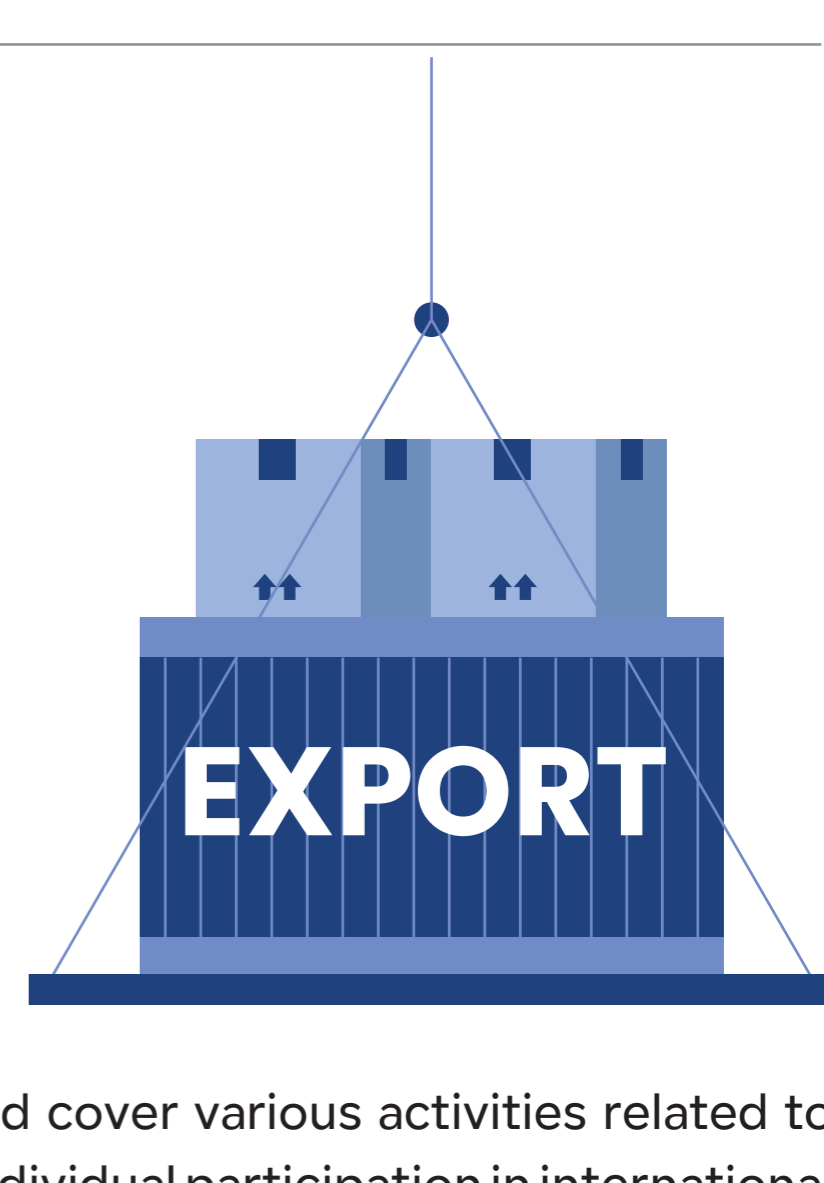
Saudi Exports Launches Saudi Exports Incentive Program Guide

The Saudi Exports Development Authority launched the first electronic version of the Saudi Exports Incentive Program Guide, which includes an introductory overview of the program and the most prominent incentives provided to exporters, the application submission mechanism and the conditions for benefiting from them. Through the program, the authority seeks to encourage Saudi companies to enter and expand into new global markets, as the program offers nine incentives that comply with the requirements of the World Trade Organization.

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Saudi Exports launches the "Exemption for Export" service

The Saudi Export Development Authority (Saudi Exports), in collaboration with the Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources, has launched the "Exemption for Export" service. This initiative aims to give industrial companies a competitive edge by exempting them from customs duties on industrial inputs intended for export. It is part of a broader effort to increase the presence of Saudi products and services in global markets and to promote sustainable growth in the Kingdom's non-oil exports.

The service is designed to enhance the competitiveness of national industrial companies by reducing costs and improving their export capabilities. Under this program, companies will be exempt from customs duties on inputs recognized as essential to industrial capabilities by the Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources. This exemption applies to the inputs used in products intended for export and is based on the factory's export performance over the past 12 months.

Food and Drug Authority Achieves National Institutional Structure Accreditation from Digital Government Authority

The Food and Drug Authority has received the National Institutional Structure Accreditation Certificate from the Digital Government Authority. This recognition was awarded during the Digital Government Forum 2024, which took place alongside the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) at the King Abdulaziz International Conference Center in Riyadh.

The Authority achieved the third maturity level, distinguishing itself among various government agencies that received this certificate. This accreditation is granted to agencies that excel in implementing institutional structures based on the standards of the national methodology. This achievement contributes to enhancing maturity levels and accelerating the digital transformation process within the government sector."Food and Drug" obtains the National Institutional Structure Accreditation Certificate from the Digital Government Authority.

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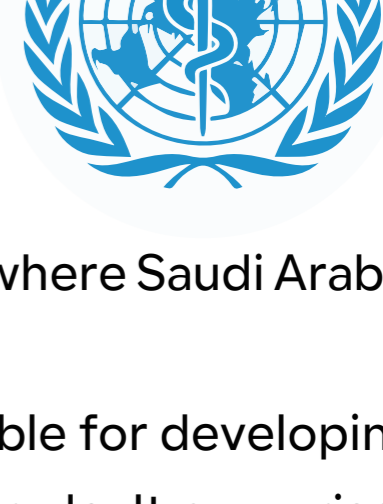
The Kingdom was elected as Vice-Chair of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CODEX)



The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, represented by the Saudi Food and Drug Authority, has been elected as the Vice-Chair of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CODEX) for a one-year term. This decision

was made during the 47th session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission held in Geneva, where Saudi Arabia received the highest number of votes from member states.

The Codex Alimentarius Commission, established in 1963, is the global authority responsible for developing food standards aimed at protecting consumer health and promoting international food trade. It comprises 189 member countries and operates as a joint entity of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO).



Strategic Partnership Between France and the Kingdom: Enhancing Cooperation in Multiple Fields

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has signed a strategic partnership agreement with the French Republic to enhance cooperation in various fields, including defence, energy transformation, transportation, culture, and technology. This agreement was made during French President Emmanuel Macron's visit to Saudi Arabia from December 2 to 2024 ,4.

During his visit, President Macron also participated in an investment forum that gathered over 200 French and Saudi companies. Discussions at the forum focused on sectors such as financial technology, artificial intelligence, and renewable energy, highlighting a mutual interest in technological innovation and sustainability.