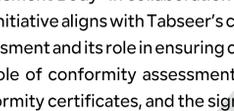


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Tabseer Hosts a Virtual Workshop on Conformity Assessment in Cooperation with ABHA Chamber

Tabseer is set to hold a virtual workshop titled "Introducing Tabseer Company as a Conformity Assessment Body" in collaboration with the Abha Chamber.

This initiative aligns with Tabseer's commitment to raising awareness about the importance of conformity assessment and its role in ensuring compliance with standards and specifications. The discussion covered the role of conformity assessment bodies in supporting various sectors, the steps needed to obtain conformity certificates, and the significance of verifying product quality to ensure safety and adherence to approved technical regulations.

Tabseer Showcases Expertise at the Big 5 Construct Saudi Exhibition



Tabseer made a notable presence at the 13th edition of the Big 5 Construct Saudi exhibition, which was held from February 15 to 2025, 18, at the Riyadh Front Exhibition and Convention Center (RFECC). This participation reflects Tabseer's ongoing commitment to strengthening conformity and quality standards in the construction sector.

The Tabseer delegation, led by CEO Eng. Mansour Al-Qahtani included notable figures such as Eng. Mohammed Bawazir, Sales Manager, and Eng. Ahmed Al-Qahtani, Office Administrator.

During the event, Tabseer showcased its suite of conformity assessment services, along with inspection and accreditation solutions aimed at ensuring adherence to established quality standards and regulations. This contributes to supporting infrastructure projects and improving the overall quality of products and services within the Saudi market.

Tabseer Participates in the 2025 GSO Notified Bodies Annual Meeting

Tabseer participated in the 8th GCC Notified Bodies Meetings, organized by the Standardization Organization, covering the Gulf Technical Regulation for Low Voltage Electrical Appliances and Equipment, Water Conservation Tools, Children's Toys, and Energy Efficiency. The event took place from February 16 to 2025, 20.

This participation underscores Tabseer's commitment to strengthening Gulf technical standards and regulations to achieve the highest levels of quality and compliance in regional markets. It also reflects the company's dedication to supporting the development of Gulf specifications and enhancing alignment with international standards, ensuring product quality and consumer protection.

Saudi Standards adopt (95) new standard specification

On 1 August 2025, the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) decided during its meeting No. (117) to adopt about 95 new Saudi standards in several sectors, including:

- Chemical and petroleum sector
- Textile sector
- Electrical and electronic sector
- Mechanical and metal sector
- Measurements and Scale Sector
- Construction and building materials sector
- Service specification sector

Launch of "Buy Quality" Campaign to Promote Saudi Quality Mark Awareness



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Saudi Standards

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) has launched an awareness campaign titled "Buy Quality," aimed at educating consumers on the significance of selecting products that have the Saudi Quality Mark (SQM). This initiative encourages consumers to verify the validity of these products through the "Taakad" application and ensure that they purchase high-quality goods.

The Authority also has emphasized that the Saudi Quality Mark (SQM) signifies a product's adherence to approved standard specifications, guaranteeing safety and efficiency. This initiative is designed to boost consumer confidence by ensuring that products meet safety standards and are free from risks and malfunctions.

Saudi Standards Achieves Institutional Structure Accreditation at the Fourth Maturity Level

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) has been awarded the National Institutional Structure Accreditation Certificate at the fourth level by the Digital Government Authority. This makes it the first government agency in the economic and development sector to achieve this distinction.

This accreditation represents the highest level of maturity in digital institutional structure, showcasing the Authority's success in integrating business sectors and facilitating digital transformation. It emphasizes the implementation of advanced technical governance, ensuring data accuracy to support effective decision-making, as well as the development of digital services, enhancement of sustainability, and optimal utilization of modern resources and technologies.

The General Committee for Standards holds its 44th meeting with broad Gulf participation

The 44th meeting of the General Committee for Standardization was launched in the State of Kuwait, held from February 17 to 2025, 19, with the participation of representatives from the relevant standardization and metrology authorities in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries. The meeting aims to enhance cooperation and unify efforts to develop Gulf standard specifications.

The first day of the meeting featured two specialized workshops. The first workshop addressed the "Gulf Technical Guide for Adopting Gulf Standard Specifications," reviewing mechanisms for adoption and updating to align with international standards. The second workshop focused on "Developing Performance Standards for Gulf Standardization Committees," aiming to enhance the efficiency of the committees and improve the quality of their outputs to better serve Gulf industries and markets.

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"SFDA" adopts new amendments to the executive regulations of the food system

The General Authority for Food and Drugs, in its meeting No. (44/4) held on 1446/6/14 AH, has decided to amend the Executive Regulations of the Food System.

These amendments include the addition of a new paragraph to Article (41) and the introduction of three new regulatory articles. The aim is to strengthen regulatory procedures and enhance the efficiency of food control.

The amendments are set to take effect 180 days after their publication in the Official Gazette on 2025/2/21 AD.

«SFDA»: The Prohibition of using the geographical phrases or logos in Cosmetics



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Saudi Food & Drug Authority

The Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) has issued a circular confirming the prohibition of using phrases or logos that imply a cosmetic product is intended for a specific geographical area. This practice violates the standards outlined in the Cosmetics Claims Regulation (SFDA.CO/GSO 2528).

The Authority emphasized that all manufacturers, importers, and warehouse managers of cosmetic products must refrain from adding such phrases or logos to their products. It was also stated that products found violating this rule will not be released.

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SFDA launches the "SAIL" AI To Enhance Efficiency and Innovation

The Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) has announced the launch of the Artificial Intelligence Lab (SAIL), a specialized platform designed to develop and implement technical solutions based on artificial intelligence. This initiative aims to enhance innovation and improve the efficiency of regulatory and operational processes within the Authority.

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The Kingdom is a Global Hub for Food Innovation: Saudi-European Collaboration to Promote Entrepreneurship

As part of his visit to the European Commission, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA), Dr. Hisham Saad Aljadhey, met with the CEO of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), Mr. Richard Zaltzman, in Brussels, Belgium.

The meeting emphasized the Authority's efforts to support research, innovation, and exchange of expertise, developing sustainable solutions for the needs of global food markets.

In line with Saudi Vision 2030, Dr Aljadhey reaffirmed Saudi Arabia's commitment to improving the entrepreneurial ecosystem and attracting food innovation startups by providing advanced technology accelerators and incubators.

The International Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB) holds its meeting in Riyadh

The International Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB) held its first meeting this year at the headquarters of the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from February 2025, 20-19. The meeting was opened by SFDA Vice President for the Food Sector, Dr. Mohammed bin Ali Al-Nasser, who welcomed international experts in the food safety field from the UK, Ireland, Australia, Italy, and South Korea.

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The adoption of the Saudi Riyal symbol is a historic step to strengthen the financial identity of the kingdom

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, has approved the Saudi Riyal symbol in a historic move that reflects the wise leadership to strengthen the identity of the national currency and consolidate its position in the financial markets locally and internationally.

This decision embodies a new stage in the journey of the Saudi currency, as it contributes to enhancing the presence of the Saudi Riyal within the global financial systems, particularly among the world's largest economies and group of twenty (G20) members.

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