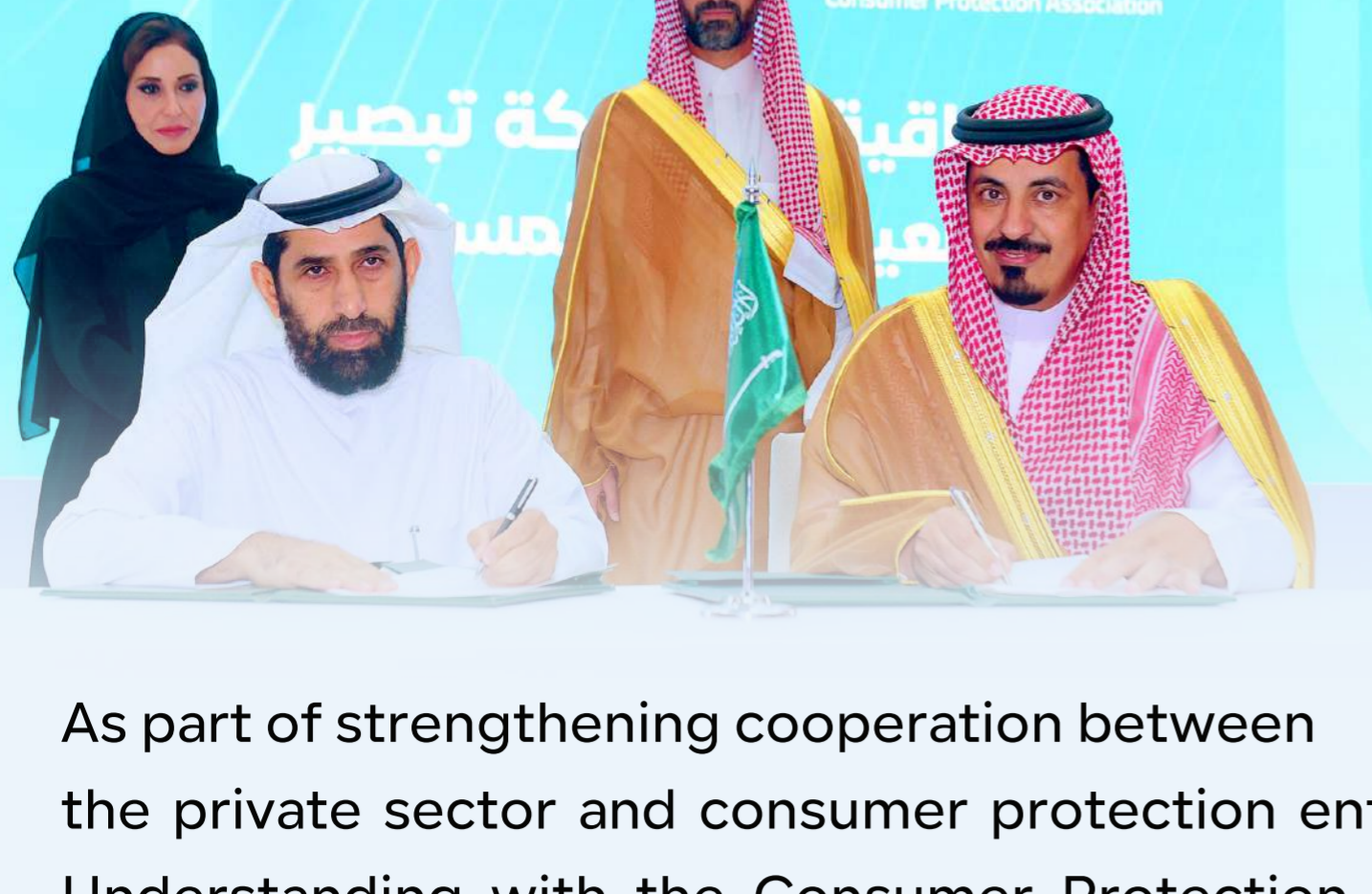
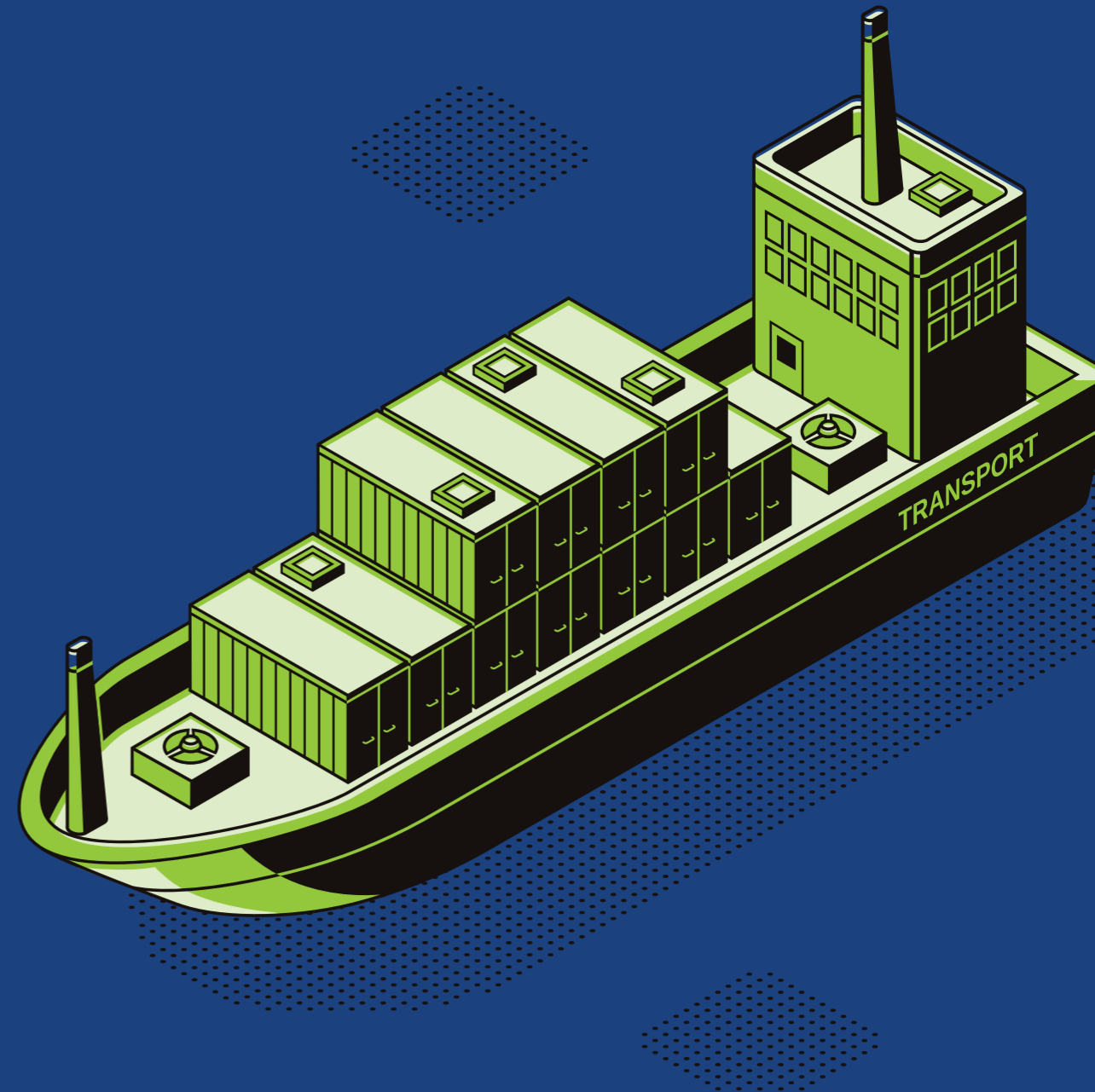


We've covered everything you need to know about the exportation and importation industries in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

This newsletter brings you the latest industry and importation developments in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Each month, we provide a comprehensive summary of market updates, with a special focus on announcements from the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO). Stay informed on essential regulations and product requirements for smooth trading in Saudi Arabia.



Tabseer signs a memorandum of understanding with the "Consumer Protection Association" to enhance the quality of products and services

As part of strengthening cooperation between the private sector and consumer protection entities, Tabseer signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Consumer Protection Association (CPA). The agreement took place on the sidelines of the association's annual ceremony for World Consumer Rights Day in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The agreement aims to enhance operational procedures, develop inspection guidelines, strengthen oversight of product quality and pricing, and evaluate the commitment of economic operators while reviewing the technical products. This contributes to raising the level of services and protecting consumer rights.

The agreement was signed by Ahmed Al-Mahlki, the CEO of the Consumer Protection Association, and Mansour Al-Qahtani, the CEO of Tabseer.

The event was attended by a distinguished group of experts and entrepreneurs in the field of consumer protection, and product and service improvement.

The delegation of Tabseer included Engineer Mansour Al-Qahtani, CEO of Tabseer; Engineer Abdulrahman Al-Malki, CEO of Qeraton Arabia; and Engineer Hisham Anwar, Project Manager at Tabseer, in addition to Mr. Raed Al-Odaila, Director of Government Relations and Strategic Partnerships at Tabseer.

This participation comes as part of efforts to strengthen cooperation with relevant entities and exchange expertise to support consumer protection initiatives and improve the quality of services in the Saudi market.



CPA Honors "Tabseer" for its Continuous Support in Enhancing Consumer Awareness

The Consumer Protection Association has given Tabseer an honorary shield in recognition of its continuous support for the association's activities and initiatives. The award was given during the annual ceremony held in Riyadh in celebration of World Consumer Rights Day.

The award was received by Eng. Mansour Al-Qahtani, CEO of Tabseer, in the presence of distinguished representatives from both the public and private sectors. This recognition comes as part of an initiative to honor key entities that contribute to empowering consumers and enhancing transparency in the Saudi market.

Furthermore, it reflects Tabseer's efforts in supporting awareness and regulatory initiatives that contribute to improving the quality of services and products offered to consumers. It also highlights the company's role in developing assessment and monitoring tools to ensure compliance with approved standards.

Tabseer reaffirms its commitment to continuing cooperation with relevant authorities to enhance a safe consumer environment and raise awareness of consumer rights. This aligns with Saudi Vision 2030, which aims to achieve the highest standards of quality and safety across various sectors.



SABER Updates Customs Codes for Building Materials

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) has announced an update regarding several customs items on the SABER electronic platform. These items will now be subject to new technical regulations starting on March 2025, 17. Importers and manufacturers will have a 30-day grace period to implement these changes.

The updates pertain to various products covered by the Building Materials Technical Regulations—Part One: Metals and Alloys for Buildings and Construction. This aims to enhance compliance with quality and safety standards.

The amendments are designed to increase the efficiency of customs operations and improve the experience for importers and manufacturers. They provide accurate and clear customs codes that will facilitate product registration and the issuance of conformity certificates, ensuring faster and more efficient procedures.

Adoption of (145) International Standards Translation Project in Cooperation with ISO

13th The Arabic Translation Management Group (ATMG) held its meeting at the GCC Standardization Organization headquarters from translation projects 145, During this meeting .2025, 25 to 24 February

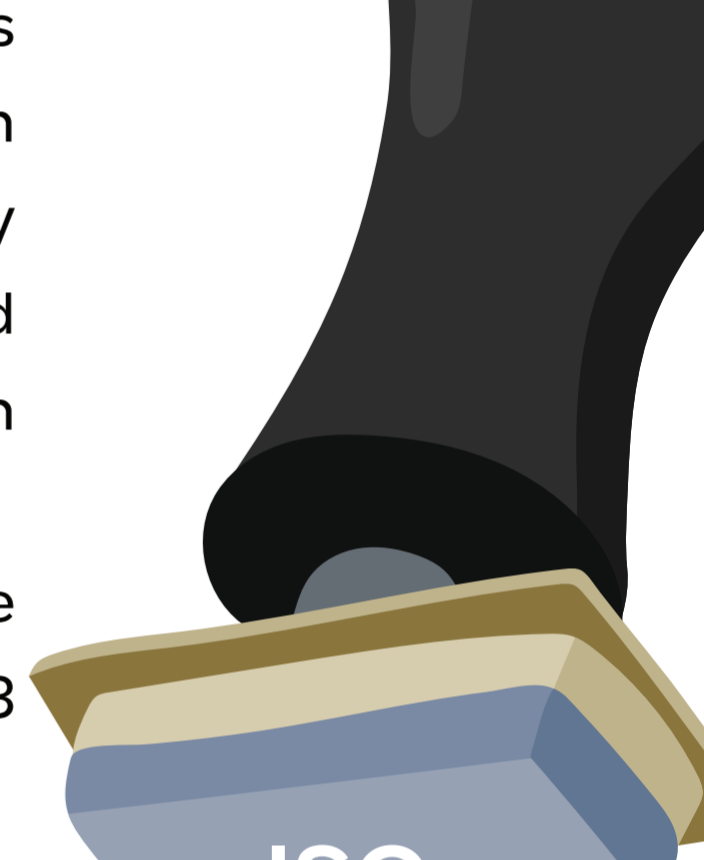
were approved for international standards, and they will be published in coordination with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), following the established procedures

Technical Program, featuring 2025 The ATMG also approved the draft standards aimed at unifying technical terminology and 153

enhancing standardization across the Arab world

It is worth mentioning that the Arabic Translation Management Group operates under the umbrella of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), aiming to support the Arabization of standard specifications and facilitate their adoption across Arabic-speaking

countries



GSO Participates in Celebrating the Arab Standardization Day 2025

The GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) participates with the Arab Standardization Bodies in celebrating Arab Standardization Day, which falls on March 25 yearly. This year's theme is "Standardization: A Bridge to Arab Economic Integration."

In his speech on this occasion, Eng. Nawaf bin Ibrahim Al-Mana, Chairman of the GCC Standardization Organization, pointed out that this year's theme highlights the important role of Standardization in ensuring the quality of Arab industries, strengthening production sectors, and boosting competitiveness. He noted that Standardization helps eliminate technical trade barriers, facilitates trade among member states and global markets, and fosters economic integration and sustainable development across the region. Additionally, it raises awareness of the importance of Standardization in enhancing product and service quality while ensuring consumer protection across the region.



SFDA Enhances Preparedness for Hajj Season with Specialized Training Programs

The Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) continues its intensive efforts in preparation for the Hajj season by implementing specialized training programs and engaging in collaborative scenario exercises that enhance health emergency prevention, preparedness, and rapid response.

During the holy month of Ramadan, the SFDA plays an active role at the National Emergency Crisis and Disasters Management Center at Mina Hospital to strengthen coordination among relevant government entities and support preventive measures.

As part of these efforts, the Authority in Makkah organized a workshop titled "Food Poisoning" for its personnel deployed to the center.

The workshop included an explanation of rapid response mechanisms for suspected cases, highlighting regulatory procedures, the importance of immediate reporting, and coordination between the relevant authorities.

SFDA Issues Three New Initiatives to Promote Healthy Community Nutrition

The Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) has announced the adoption of three new technical regulations to promote public health and encourage healthier eating habits. Aligned with the Health Sector Transformation Program, part of Saudi Vision 2030, these regulations support SFDA's preventive efforts to extend human life expectancy and eliminate chronic disease rates in the Kingdom.

The regulations include the disclosure of caffeine content in beverages, high salt content labeling, and physical activity calorie burn labeling on menus of restaurants and cafes. These regulations will come into effect on July 2025, 1.



ZATCA Enhances E-Services for Establishments and Taxpayers

The Zakat, Tax, and Customs Authority continues to enhance its digital services by introducing new e-services like the "Authorization Service for Establishments" and "Contract Release Request." These initiatives aim to streamline procedures, improve compliance, and elevate the overall experience for establishments and taxpayers.

This innovative service enables establishments to authorize accounting firms and service providers to manage their transactions and procedures automatically. It also allows the possibility of delegating more than one accounting office for specific services and for a pre-determined period of time.

Steps to apply for the service include:

- Log in to the authority's website and select "Authorization Service for Establishments."
- Choose the accounting firm or service provider and the services to be authorized
- Enter the accounting firm's unique number and set the authorization period
- Await approval from the service provider through their account on the Authority's portal

The "Contract Release Request" service provides registered zakat and income taxpayers with the ability to request a contract release electronically for use in specific contracts, facilitating procedures and accelerating transactions.

Steps to apply for the service include:

- Log into the Authority's electronic portal
- Go to the ZATCA tab and select "Request Contract Release Form."
- Submit a new application and fill in the required information
- If the request is approved and the required fees are paid, a Contract Release Notice will be issued and sent to the taxpayer