

The Monthly Newsletter

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Tabseer Expands Accreditation to Inspect Food Factories in Egypt

Tabseer Entrepreneurs has achieved a significant milestone by expanding its accreditation to include the inspection of food factories in the Arab Republic of Egypt. This new accreditation enables Tabseer to be listed as an authorized entity for food facilities exporting to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as recognized by the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA).

With this accreditation, Tabseer can conduct inspections and technical evaluations for Egyptian factories looking to export their food products to the Kingdom. These evaluations will adhere to the standards and requirements established by the Saudi Food and Drug Authority. The process includes reviewing food safety systems, assessing good manufacturing practices, and ensuring compliance with both internationally and locally approved specifications and standards.

Tabseer Participates in Saudi Food 2025 to Promote Food Conformity Solutions in the Saudi Market

The Saudi Food Show
معرض سعودي
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12-14 MAY 2025
RIYADH FRONT, SAUDI ARABIA

Tabseer participated in Saudi Food 2025, the largest food and beverage supply event in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which took place from May 12 to 2025 ,14, at the Riyadh Front Exhibition and Convention Centre.

During this exhibition, Tabseer showcased its specialized services in food conformity. These services include the Food Product Conformity Certificate, by the requirements of the Saudi Food and Drug Authority, and the Saudi Quality Mark issued by the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization. Additionally, Tabseer provides food product inspection and testing services to ensure compliance with regulatory standards.

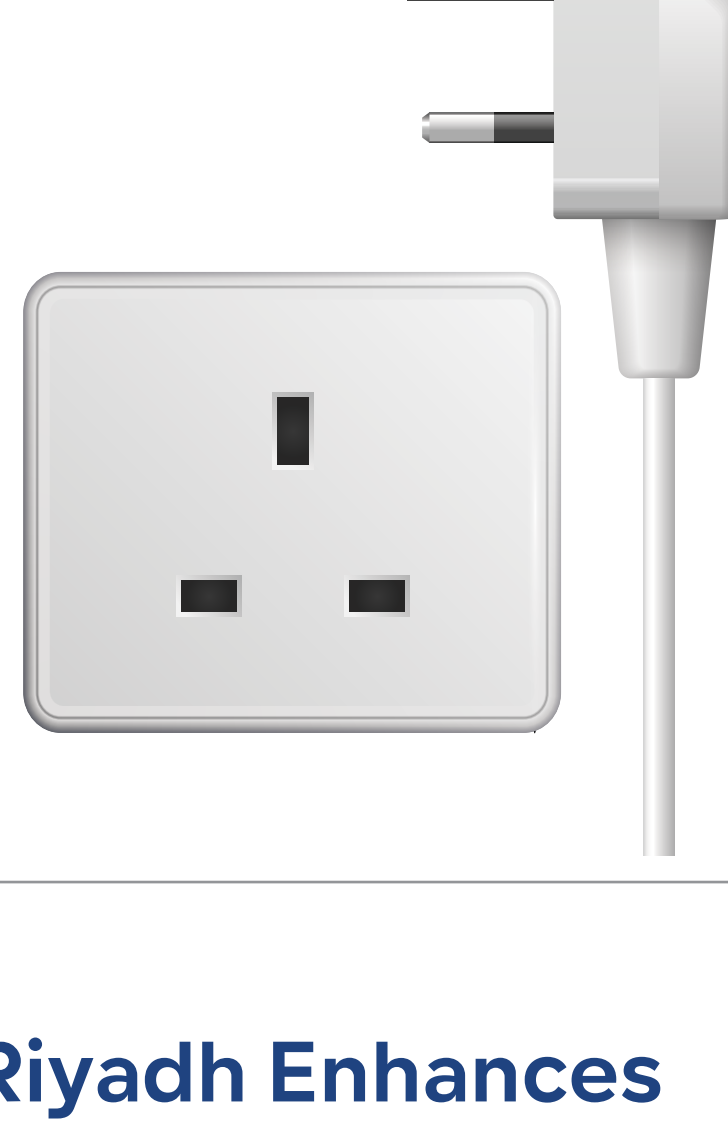
Tabseer also offered an overview of other services, such as product registration in the SABER system, obtaining the Saudi Conformity Certificate, the Gulf Conformity Mark, and the biodegradable plastic logo.

Tabseer Hosts Virtual Workshop on Saudi Quality Mark for Plugs and Sockets

In a significant initiative to enhance quality standards within the low-voltage electrical appliances and equipment sector, Tabseer recently conducted a virtual workshop focused on the requirements for obtaining the Saudi Quality Mark for plugs and sockets.

The workshop provided valuable insights into several key areas, including an introduction to the Saudi Quality Mark and its benefits, the standard specifications necessary for plugs and sockets, and the specific criteria for acquiring the mark. Additionally, participants gained an understanding of Tabseer's essential role as a conformity assessment body and awarding authority.

This event underscored Tabseer's commitment to supporting manufacturers and suppliers in achieving compliance with national standards, ultimately promoting safety and quality in electrical products across the region.



The Saudi-Egyptian Industrial Forum in Riyadh Enhances Integration and Partnership in Several Sectors

The Saudi-Egyptian Industrial Forum kicked off in Riyadh under the patronage of Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources Bandar bin Ibrahim Alkhorayef. More than 300 industry leaders and investors from both countries participated, along with a number of senior officials, led by the deputy minister for Industry Affairs, Eng. Khalil bin Salamah.

The forum was organized in cooperation between the Federation of Saudi Chambers and the Federation of Egyptian Industries, to enhance industrial cooperation and strategic integration between the Kingdom and Egypt in five key sectors: pharmaceuticals, automotive, building materials, textiles, and food industries, in line with the priorities of the Kingdom's National Industrial Strategy.

The Food and Drug Authority Launches the Third Phase of Food Services on the "Ghad" Platform

The Saudi Food and Drug Authority has announced the launch of the third phase of all food services on the "Ghad" unified electronic system platform, set to begin on May 2025 ,25. This initiative is part of their ongoing efforts to enhance digital systems and improve the customer experience.

This phase will include a variety of services, most notably:

- Food Product Registration
- Listing Products on the "Ghad" Platform
- Export Services
- Import and Clearance Services (through the "Fasah" Platform)

The Authority has confirmed that the platform is currently in an exploratory phase, allowing companies to view products transferred from previous systems. During this transitional period, they can update or deactivate those products.

It is important to note that all old systems related to food services will be permanently discontinued after May 2025 ,25. Import, export, and clearance services will not be available unless the necessary product updates are completed on the new platform.

Approval of (58) Saudi Standard Specifications and Adoption of (2) New Standard Specifications

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) decided, during its meeting No. (149), held on March 2025 ,23, to approve (58) Saudi Standard Specifications, in addition to adopting (2) new Standard Specifications, in the following sectors:

- Chemical and Petroleum Specifications Sector
- Textile Specifications Sector
- Electrical and Electronic Specifications Sector
- Mechanical and Metal Specifications Sector
- Measurements and Weights Specifications Sector
- Services Specifications Sector

New Updates to the General Technical Regulations for Energy Efficiency Specifications

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) decided, during its meeting No. (149), held on March 2025 ,23, to approve updates to several specifications within the General Technical Regulations for Energy Efficiency. These updates will be effective starting December ,1 2026. The updates include the following specifications:

- Large-capacity air conditioners - performance requirements and testing methods
- Air conditioners - minimum energy efficiency requirements, labelling, and testing for small-capacity window and split air conditioners

New Amendments to Customs Tariff Schedule Announced for Gulf Cooperation Council

In a significant development, the Finance Minister's Decision No. (1446-88-4) was published in the Official Gazette "Umm Al-Qura," approving amendments to the Integrated Customs Tariff Schedule for the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries. These changes, set to take effect on June 2025 ,1, aim to enhance the accuracy of customs classification and facilitate intra-trade within the region.

The approved amendments include the introduction of new customs clauses, the deletion or amendment of certain sub-clauses, updates to existing descriptions, and corrections of formal errors found in the previous schedule. The goal of these changes is to ensure the tariff schedule aligns with the latest updates to the Harmonized System published by the World Customs Organization, fostering seamless trade across GCC member states.

This decision marks a proactive step towards improving trade efficiency and compliance within the region, benefiting both businesses and customs authorities alike.

Conclusion of the Annual Forum for World Metrology Day 2025

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) recently concluded its annual forum for World Metrology Day at its headquarters in Riyadh. This year's theme was "Measurements for All Times, for All People," and it coincided with the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Metre Convention, which is a significant milestone in the field of metrology.

The forum featured a dialogue session also titled "Measurements for All Times, for All People." During this session, several topics were discussed, including an introduction to the metrology and calibration system along with its implementing regulations. Participants also explored the history of metrology in the Kingdom, the development of the legal calibration program "Taqees" and its plans, the vital role of accredited bodies in metrology and calibration, and the importance of sharing expertise among various stakeholders.

SASO conducted a series of initial lectures on product safety, specifications, and quality systems.

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) recently held an introductory workshop on Product Safety, Specifications, and Quality Systems at its branch in the Eastern Province. The purpose of the workshop was to raise awareness about the importance of product safety and the necessity of adhering to approved regulations and systems. A diverse audience of stakeholders and specialists attended the event.

These introductory workshops demonstrate the organization's commitment to enhancing coordination among various entities to ensure compliance with standards, as well as to improve the overall level of quality and safety in the Saudi market.

Mandatory Pre-Submission of Goods Data for Seaport Arrivals Starting October 2025 ,29

The Zakat, Tax, and Customs Authority has announced a significant policy change requiring the pre-submission of manifests and customs declarations for all goods arriving at seaports. This new regulation will take effect on October 2025 ,29.

Importers and shipping agents are now mandated to submit the necessary documentation, including the manifest and customs declaration, before the arrival of shipments at ports. This initiative is aimed at streamlining the customs clearance process and facilitating smoother operations upon arrival.

Hamoud Al-Harbi, the Authority's official spokesperson, highlighted the critical nature of this requirement, stating that it plays a vital role in expediting customs clearance procedures, reducing costs for importers, and minimizing the risk of violations due to late document submissions. He emphasized that this measure not only enhances the efficiency of customs operations but also supports the overall logistics supply chain.

As the deadline approaches, importers and shipping agents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the new regulations to ensure compliance and avoid potential disruptions in their supply chain operations.

The Gulf Standardization Organization (GSO) celebrates World Metrology Day 2025

The Gulf Standardization Organization (GSO) and similar organizations worldwide celebrated World Metrology Day on May 20. This year's theme is "Measurements for All Times, for All People."

Engineer Nawaf bin Ibrahim Al-Mana, President of the GSO, highlighted the significance of this year's World Metrology Day as it marks the 150th anniversary of the Metre Convention. This milestone represents a century and a half of international collaboration in the field of metrology. He pointed out that this year is a turning point, as it focuses not only on ensuring fair trade and promoting scientific discovery but also on addressing global challenges such as climate change and public health.