



The Monthly Newsletter

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Tabseer Holds Virtual Workshop on Requirements for Biodegradable Plastic Logo

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Tabseer recently organized a virtual workshop focused on the requirements for obtaining the Oxo-Biodegradable Plastic Logo for eligible products.

The workshop covered several key topics, including:

- An introduction to the conformity certificate for Oxo-biodegradable plastic products.
- The specific requirements needed to obtain the certificate.
- A step-by-step guide on the customer's journey to acquiring certification.
- An overview of the main challenges factories faces during the certification process.

The event was designed to help manufacturers understand the necessary steps and navigate the complexities of certifying their products as biodegradable.



Chemicals & Fertilizers Export Council

Tabseer Joins Training on "Mechanisms for Entering the Saudi Market"

Tabseer recently participated in a training program titled "Mechanisms for Entering the Saudi Market," organized by the Export Council for Chemical Industries and Fertilizers in collaboration with the Exporters Support Unit. The program's goal was to educate companies and manufacturers about the critical analyses, certifications, and quality marks required to facilitate the entry of their products into the Saudi market.

This participation is part of a cooperation protocol signed between Tabseer and the Export Council. The protocol aims to support Egyptian exporters by providing specialized training workshops and conformity assessment services. This initiative is designed to boost export opportunities and ensure that products meet the approved Saudi specifications.

Tabseer Honours Employees in Special Recognition Ceremony

In a ceremony filled with pride and appreciation, Tabseer recently held an event to honour its employees for their continuous dedication and pivotal role in the company's recent successes.

The event was attended by top management, including Emad Eissa, board member of Tabseer Rowad Al-Amal, Mansour Al-Qahtani, CEO of Tabseer Rowad Al-Amal in Saudi Arabia, and Mohamed Al-Jebreen, General Manager of Shared Services. Distinguished employees from various departments were awarded certificates of appreciation and symbolic shields in recognition of their outstanding contributions.

During their address, Tabseer's management highlighted that this tribute is part of the company's commitment to a culture of appreciation and its dedication to fostering a positive work environment built on motivation and recognising achievements.

The ceremony also featured open dialogue sessions that brought together managers and employees, promoting transparency and the exchange of ideas in an interactive atmosphere.

Through these initiatives, Tabseer reaffirms its ongoing commitment to fostering a culture of motivation and recognising achievements, which it considers a cornerstone of corporate success and professional sustainability.



Mandatory Issuance of Shipment Conformity Certificate to Begin October 1, 2025

Effective October 1, 2025, a shipment conformity certificate will be mandatory for all products—both regulated and non-regulated—before a customs declaration can be issued. This new requirement will be implemented through the Saber electronic platform.

This measure is part of the ongoing efforts by the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) to ensure that all products comply with quality and safety requirements. The initiative also aims to accelerate customs clearance procedures, reduce processing times, and prevent shipments from being rejected or delayed upon entry into the Saudi market.

SASO Launches "Think Ahead" Campaign to Promote Quality Management Systems

المواصفات السعودية
Saudi Standards



The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) has launched a new awareness campaign titled "Think Ahead" to highlight the importance of implementing management system standards in industrial facilities.

The campaign highlights the crucial role these systems play in enhancing product quality, ensuring accuracy, fostering customer trust, and driving sustainable business growth.

SASO stated that the initiative aims to raise awareness among manufacturers by showcasing the positive effects of adopting management system standards. These effects include boosting production efficiency, reducing errors, and increasing market competitiveness.

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هيئة الزكاة والضريبة والجمارك
Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority



SASO and ZATCA Discuss Enhanced Integration

The Governor of the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organisation (SASO), Dr. Saad bin Othman Al-Qasabi, recently met with the Governor of the Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA), Engineer Suhail bin Mohammed Abanmi, at SASO's headquarters in Riyadh. The meeting was also attended by officials from both organizations.

During the visit, officials discussed several topics of mutual interest, exploring opportunities to enhance integration and cooperation. The primary goals of this collaboration are to streamline import procedures, improve the quality of products in the Saudi market, bolster joint efforts to protect consumers, and support economic development targets.

The meeting also included a tour of SASO's laboratories, where the ZATCA delegation was shown the advanced technical capabilities and technologies that help improve the quality and competitiveness of national products and strengthen the Kingdom's quality infrastructure.

Saudi FDA Postpones Launch of Third Phase of Food Services on "Ghad" and "Fasah" Platforms

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FASAH

The Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) has announced the postponement of the third phase of food services on its unified electronic platforms, "Ghad" and "Fasah."

In a recent circular, the SFDA confirmed that the official launch has been delayed to ensure the systems are fully prepared and to facilitate a smooth transition for users.

Until a new launch date is announced, issuing a conformity certificate for food product shipments remains optional through the Fasah Food platform. This decision reflects the authority's commitment to ensuring system readiness and simplifying procedures for its beneficiaries.

SFDA Restricts Use of Vitamin A Derivatives in Cosmetics

الهيئة العامة للغذاء والدواء
Saudi Food & Drug Authority

The Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) has issued a new circular restricting the use of Vitamin A derivatives in cosmetic products and adding several new substances to its list of restricted materials for the cosmetics industry.

Effective January 1, 2026, the import or manufacture of any products that violate this new regulation will be prohibited. Products already on the market will be given a grace period until January 1, 2028, to comply.

The SFDA stated that any non-compliant products found after this date will be considered in violation and will be subject to enforcement actions under the Cosmetics Products Law and its executive regulations.

Food and Drug Authority Mandates Electronic Temperature Monitoring for Cold and Frozen Food Facilities

The Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) has issued a circular mandating that factories and warehouses for chilled and frozen foods—along with their vehicles—must electronically link their temperature and humidity sensors to designated platforms.

The new measure aims to enhance oversight and ensure food safety by connecting the sensors in storage rooms for meat, poultry, and fish directly to the "Wasl" platform. Alternatively, businesses can contract with one of the qualified companies listed on the SFDA website that provide temperature and humidity management and monitoring services.

This new requirement will be enforced starting on October 1, 2025.

SFDA Mandates "Recall and Disclosure" Platform for Product Safety

The Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) has issued a new circular requiring manufacturers, importers, and distributors to comply with the directives of the "Recall and Disclosure" platform. This platform is specifically designed for disclosing products that have been subject to warnings or recall orders.

Implemented on August 12, 2025, this service aims to enhance transparency and consumer protection. It allows businesses to view official warnings issued by the SFDA and electronically disclose the quantities of affected products through a dedicated portal.

The SFDA emphasized the importance of businesses promptly responding and updating their data on the platform, warning that legal action will be taken against those who fail to comply.

Saudi FDA to Host "Hackathon" to Innovate Food Safety Solutions

The Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA), in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), will host the "Innovating for Food Safety" Hackathon on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 9-10, at its main headquarters in Riyadh.

This event is part of the SFDA's ongoing efforts to enable innovation and develop solutions that will enhance the safety of the food system. It also reflects the authority's leading global role in this field.

The Hackathon aims to create advanced technological solutions to address major food safety challenges in the Near East and North Africa (NENA) region. The event will focus on three key areas: supply chain traceability, early warning systems and rapid response to risk detection, and reducing food loss and waste.

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