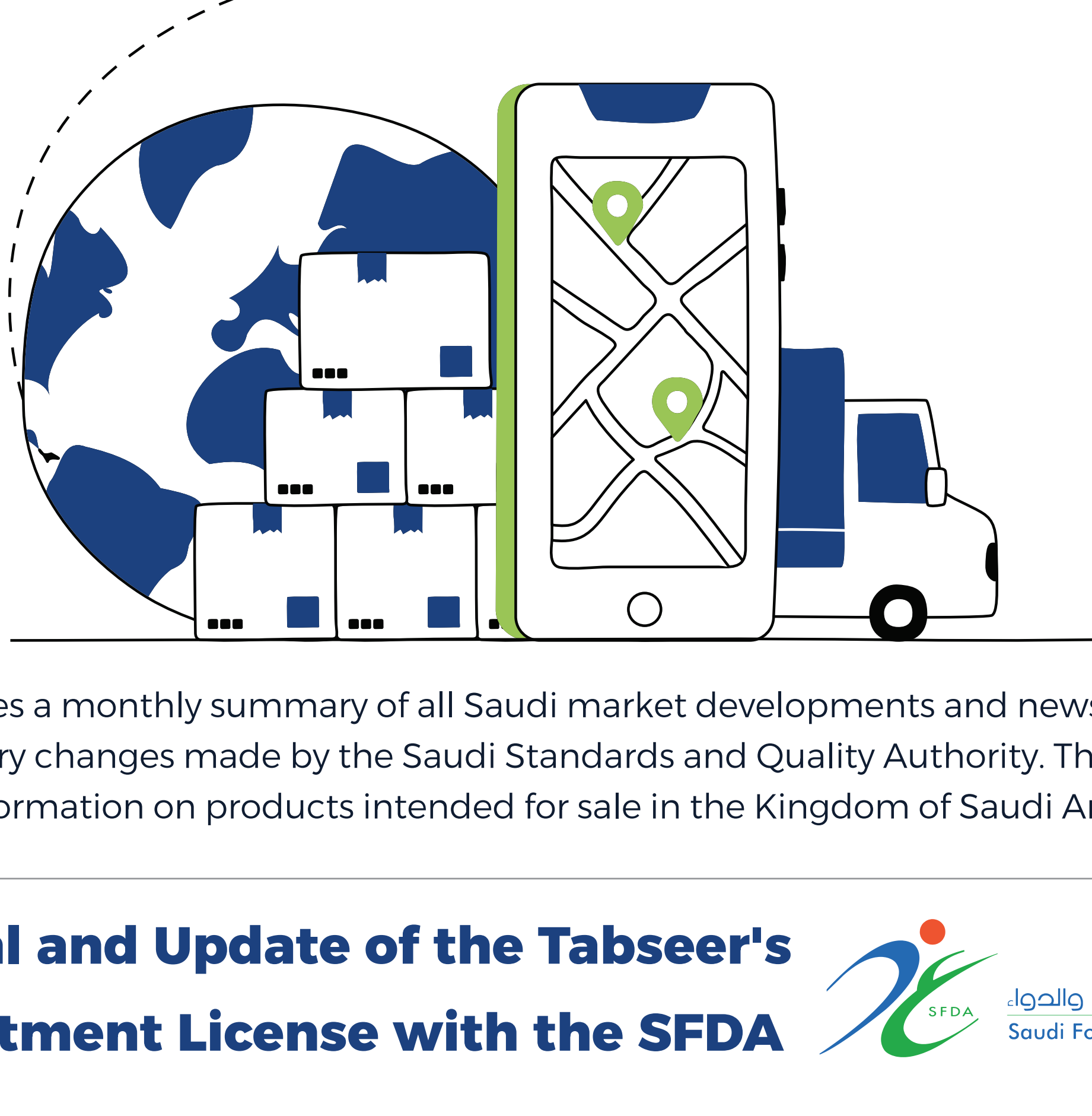


The Monthly Newsletter

This newsletter will document all industry and importation-related developments in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



It provides a monthly summary of all Saudi market developments and news related to regulatory changes made by the Saudi Standards and Quality Authority. This includes information on products intended for sale in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Renewal and Update of the Tabseer's Appointment License with the SFDA



In a step that reflects its strong commitment to quality and reliability, Tabseer has successfully renewed and updated its appointment license with the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA). This renewal expands our services and accreditation to include the following activities:

Food Sector:

- Issuance of certificates of conformity for shipments.
- Conducting inspections for export facilities seeking approval to enter the Saudi market
- Issuance of Conformity Certificates for food products



Cosmetics Sector:

- Issuance of certificates of conformity for shipments.

This achievement embarks a step forward, reinforcing Tabseer's commitment to regulatory standards and ensuring the continuity of our operations. It supports our ability to provide more efficient and reliable services to our clients, both within and outside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

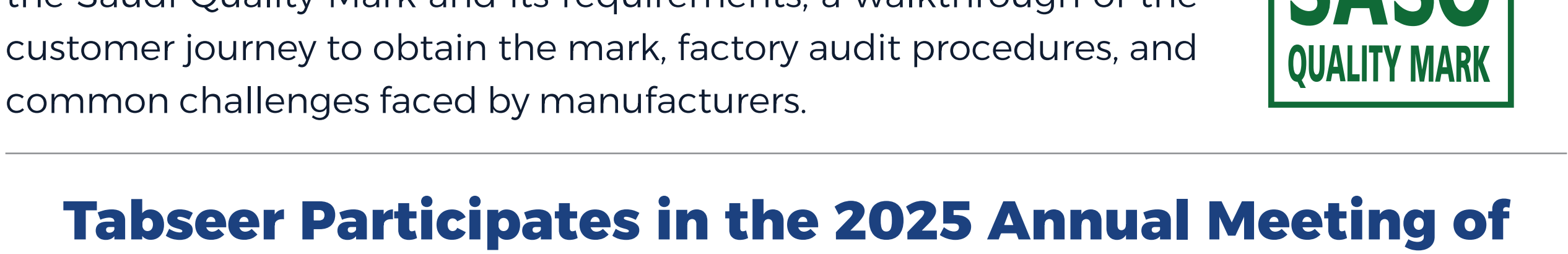
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Tabseer took part in the "Dimensions of Eurasian Integration" event held in Moscow, reaffirming its commitment to supporting shared visions and advancing the strategic goals of the Government of Saudi Arabia by continuing to strengthen trade relations with the Russian Federation.

During the event, Tasbeer highlighted its role in facilitating accreditation and certification procedures, as well as supporting Russian exporters and Saudi importers. This contributes to opening new and promising opportunities for bilateral trade and enhancing the smooth flow of trade exchange between the two countries.

Tabseer emphasised that its local partnerships and expanded presence in Russia reflect its dedication to deepening economic cooperation and creating sustainable opportunities that benefit both sides. This is supported by comprehensive technical and logistical services that ensure the efficiency and success of joint projects.

The company was represented by Dr Adel Jalai and Ms Ratiba Ben Ahmed, underscoring Tabseer's ongoing commitment to strengthening international cooperation and driving mutual growth across logistics, transportation, energy, and food security sectors.



"Tasbeer" organises a virtual workshop on the requirements for obtaining the Saudi Quality Mark

Tabseer Company hosts a virtual workshop on the requirements for obtaining the Saudi Quality Mark for "Refillable Welded Steel Cylinders Used for Liquefied Petroleum Gas".

The topics of discussion in the workshop included several points, including an overview of SASO and its role, an Introduction to Tabseer as an approved conformity assessment body, an explanation of the Saudi Quality Mark and its requirements, a walkthrough of the customer journey to obtain the mark, factory audit procedures, and common challenges faced by manufacturers.



Tabseer Participates in the 2025 Annual Meeting of Conformity Assessment Bodies

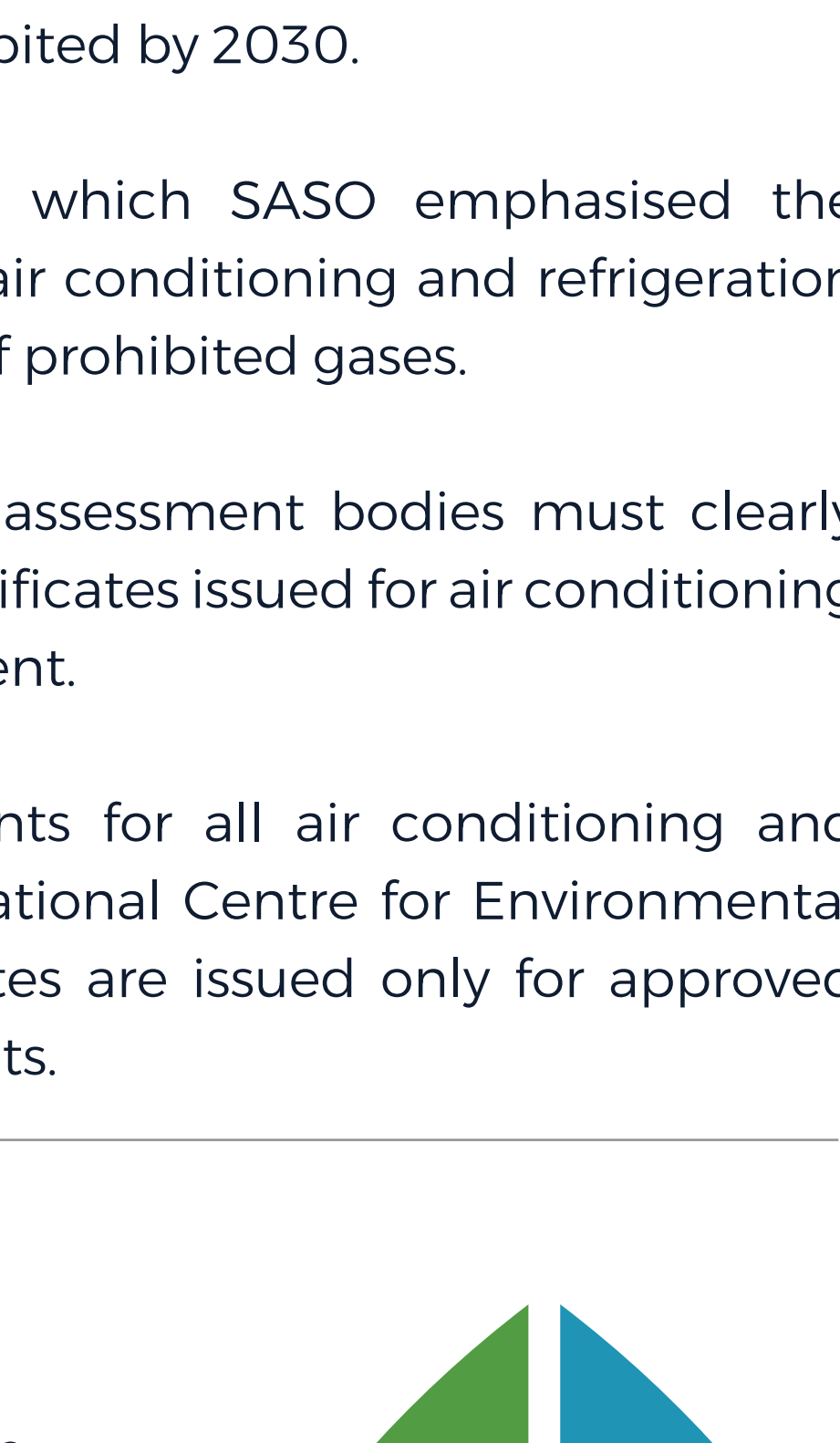
Tabseer joined the Annual Meeting of Conformity Assessment Bodies, organised by the Federation of Saudi Chambers through the National Committee for Conformity Assessment Bodies, in collaboration with the Saudi Accreditation Centre. The meeting was attended by:

Eng. Mansour Al-Qahtani - CEO of Tabseer Entrepreneurs Company

Mr Mohammed Al-Jebreen - General Manager of Shared Services

Eng. Abdulrahman Al-Maliki - Director of IECEE Certifications

This event comes as part of joint efforts to strengthen collaboration among relevant entities, discuss prominent challenges facing the sector, and review new initiatives and development strategies aimed at improving service quality and enhancing the efficiency of the conformity assessment system in Saudi Arabia.



Circular on Allowed and Prohibited Refrigerant Gases in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Devices



The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organisation (SASO) has confirmed in a recent Circular that the use of R-22 refrigerant is restricted until the end of 2029, and its importation in all forms will be prohibited by 2030.

This circular reinforces previous communications in which SASO emphasised the importance of verifying the type of refrigerant used in air conditioning and refrigeration equipment, ensuring it is not on the list of prohibited gases.

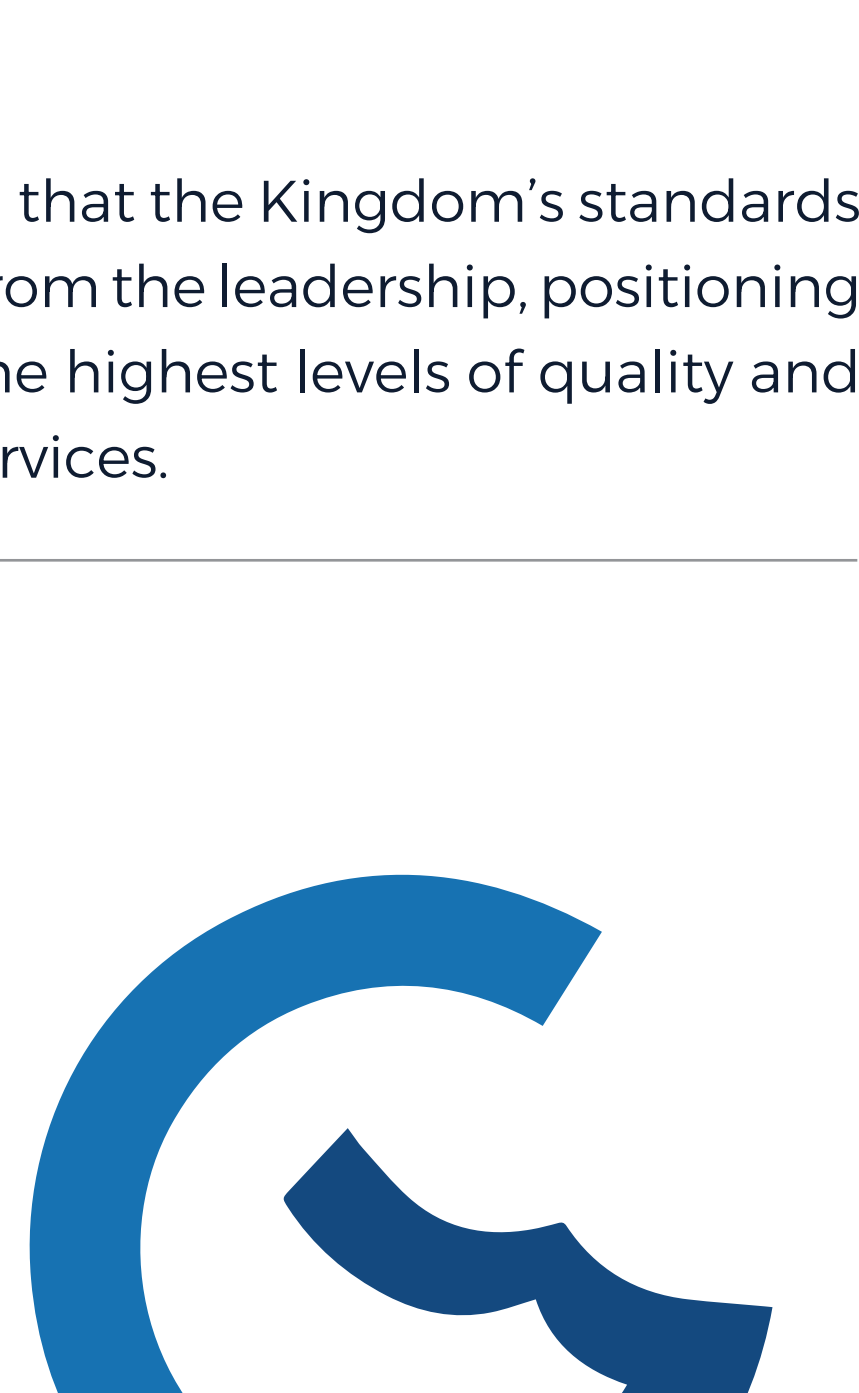
SASO also highlighted that all accredited conformity assessment bodies must clearly specify the type of refrigerant used in the conformity certificates issued for air conditioning and refrigeration equipment.

An official list of prohibited and permitted refrigerants for all air conditioning and refrigeration equipment has been published by the National Centre for Environmental Compliance. This guarantees that conformity certificates are issued only for approved and authorised refrigerants.

SABER Launches New Updates to Product HS Codes

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organisation (SASO) has announced the update of several customs codes (HS codes) on the Saber electronic platform, effective January 2026 .1. This update aligns with changes from the Zakat, Tax, and Customs Authority.

This update aims to enhance the safety and quality of products available in the Kingdom, ensuring that they comply with Saudi technical standards. It also seeks to streamline regulatory procedures, improve customs clearance processes, and promote transparency between importers and regulatory bodies.



Saudi-US Agreement on Recognising U.S. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS)

During its visit to the United States of America, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince and prime minister of Saudi Arabia, an agreement was signed and documents were exchanged between His Excellency Minister of Commerce Dr. Majid bin Abdullah Al Qasabi, chairman of the board of Directors of the Saudi Standards, Metrology and quality organization, and His Excellency Ambassador Jamieson Greer, federal representative of the United States of America (USTR) on the recognition of the US Federal vehicle safety specifications (FMVSS) as compliant with the national safety requirements in Saudi Arabia.

This milestone strengthens bilateral cooperation, facilitates trade flow, and supports the development of Saudi industry, transportation, and logistics sectors, while elevating safety and consumer protection across the automotive market.

Conclusion of the 2025 World Quality Day Forum

SASO concluded the annual World Quality Day 2025 forum held under the theme "Quality... Think Differently."

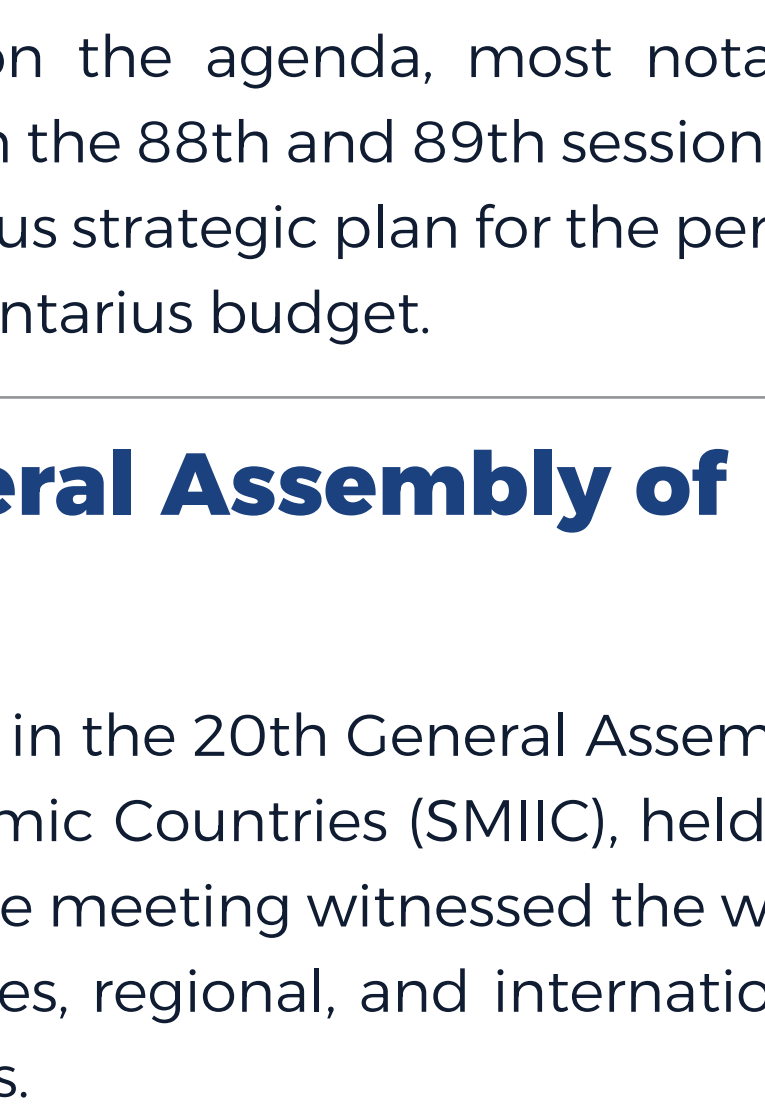
Dr Saad bin Othman Al-Kasabi, Governor of SASO, affirmed that the Kingdom's standards and quality system continue to receive significant support from the leadership, positioning Saudi Arabia as a global economic leader committed to the highest levels of quality and excellence across products and services.

GCC Ministerial Committee for Standardisation Approves 14 New Gulf Technical Regulations

During its 10th meeting, the GCC Ministerial Committee for Standardisation issued several key resolutions, including:

- Approval of 14 new Gulf technical regulations
- Converting 25 technical regulations into GCC standards
- Withdrawing 34 Gulf technical regulations

These decisions come within the framework of the commitment of the Ministerial Committee and the Gulf Standardization Organization to continue the Joint Gulf work in the fields of standardization, quality and conformity.



GSO Participates in the 48th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CODEX)

The GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) participated in the 48th session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, held at the FAO headquarters in Rome from 14-10 November 2025. This comes with a delegation headed by H.E. Eng. Nawaf Ibrahim Al-Mana, Chairman of the Gulf Standardization Organization (GSO).

The session discussed a number of important topics on the agenda, most notably reviewing the report of the chairman of the commission on the 88th and 89th sessions of the executive committee, discussing the Codex Alimentarius strategic plan for the period 2031-2026, and approving the Codex Alimentarius budget.

GSO Participates in the 20th General Assembly of SMIIC

The GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) participated in the 20th General Assembly meeting of the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC), held on 13 November 2025 in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan. The meeting witnessed the wide participation of standardization bodies in Islamic countries, regional, and international standardization organizations.

The meeting included a review of the Secretary-General's report, the technical activities report, including outcomes of the Council and the Chairman of the committees, as well as topics related to standards and metrology. The agenda also addressed ways to strengthen cooperation among OIC member states in harmonizing halal conformity assessment procedures, thereby contributing to the enhancement of intra-Islamic trade.

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ZATCA Earns 9 International Certifications in Performance Management

The Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA) received 9 global certifications in performance management, including the Integrated Performance certification for achieving Level 5, the highest level, becoming the first entity in the Kingdom and the Middle East to attain this recognition from The KPI Institute's Global Performance Audit Unit.

The authority also obtained a certificate in strategic planning, performance measurement, performance improvement, employee performance management, and performance culture, each at Level 5 (The Highest).

The authority also received three additional certificates recognising its exceptional performance in performance management. These included the Synergy Excellence certificate, awarded for enhancing performance and advancing excellence maturity through strong cooperation among the authority's various sectors and departments. In addition, the authority earned the Transformation Excellence certificate for progressing from Level 4 to Level 5, acknowledging its achievements in elevating performance maturity through comprehensive institutional transformation initiatives.