

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.

"Tasbeer" organizes a virtual workshop on the requirements for obtaining the Saudi Quality Mark for electrical products

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The workshop discussions covered several key topics, including an overview of the Saudi Quality Mark and its requirements, factory audit visits and technical file reviews, as well as Tabseer's role as a conformity assessment body.

Renewal of Tabseer's China branch approval under an expanded scope of approved technical regulations.

We are pleased to announce the renewal of Tabseer's China branch approval by the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO), covering a wide range of activities under the following technical regulations:

- Sectors of Metals and their Alloys for Buildings and Constructions
- Insulation and Building Cladding Materials
- Bricks, Tiles, Ceramics, sanitary ware, and related products
- Doors, windows, and their accessories
- Portable equipment and/or controlled by hand
- Electrical Self-Balancing Boards (Scooter)
- Shoes and their accessories
- Textile products
- Electric batteries
- Auto spare parts
- Personal protective equipment and clothing
- Control of hazardous materials in electrical and electronic equipment and devices
- Food safety in kitchen utensils and appliances
- Low-voltage electrical appliances and equipment



Tabseer Takes Part in the 2025 Approved Bodies Working Group Meetings

Tabseer participated in the 2025 meetings of approved bodies working groups, organized by the GCC Standardization Organization in coordination with the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion of the Sultanate of Oman, held from 7 to 11 December 2025.

Representing Tabseer with excellence:

Eng. Hesham Anwar – General Manager of Technical Affairs

Eng. Mohamed Salama – General Manager of Quality & Conformity

Dr. Mostafa Afifi – Director of Quality Mark & Certification, and Lead Auditor

SABER Launches New Updates to Product HS Codes



The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) announced the update of several customs items on the Saber platform, which will become subject to technical regulations within 30 days starting from 15 December 2025.

The customs items to be updated include several products subject to the Technical Regulation for Construction Materials – Part One: Metal and Alloy Sectors for Buildings and Construction, namely:

- Aluminium portable ladders
- Large shop shelves
- Large workshop shelves
- Large warehouse shelves

Additionally, SASO will replace certain customs codes on the Saber electronic platform, effective November 2025 .27. This will coincide with updates from the Zakat, Tax, and Customs Authority.

Approval of Update (2) to the Saudi Standard in the General Technical Regulation for Energy

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) has decided to update several standards listed in Annex (I), "List of Products Subject to Energy Efficiency Requirements," under the General Technical Regulation for Energy Efficiency, according to the following updates:

1) Update of the Electrical Appliances Standard (Refrigerators and Freezers)

The update includes energy performance requirements and energy efficiency labelling requirements for refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers.

The implementation of this standard will commence 730 days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette, Umm Al-Qura.

2) Update of Fuel Economy Labelling Requirements for Light-Duty Vehicles

The update applies to new vehicles and will take effect starting with 2027 models, in accordance with the new fuel efficiency standards.



"Saudi Standards" Receives Accreditation from the Saudi Accreditation Center as a Competency Testing Provider

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO), represented by the Conformity and Operations Sector, has been accredited by the Saudi Accreditation Center as a provider of proficiency testing in multiple fields, including construction, chemical and petroleum testing, electrical and electronic, mechanical and metallic, and textiles. This accreditation was granted after meeting the requirements of the international standard ISO/IEC 17043:2023.

This achievement reflects SASO's efforts to strengthen its national and international standing in the quality infrastructure, supporting laboratories and various entities to ensure the delivery of high-quality products and services, thereby contributing to enhancing the Kingdom's competitiveness and improving the standard of goods and services.

Muscat Hosts the 2025 Meetings of Approved Bodies Working Groups

In December 2025, the 2025 meetings of approved bodies working groups were launched, organized by the Gulf Standardization Organization in coordination with the Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Investment Promotion of the Sultanate of Oman. The event brought together over 110 participants from approved bodies across 25 countries, as well as national standardization organizations of member states and relevant authorities, and will continue for five days.

As part of the opening session of the 2025 Approved Bodies Working Groups meetings, the GCC Standardization Organization delivered a presentation on the organization's approach to adopting national legislation within unified Gulf frameworks. The organization has also introduced the Gulf system for adopting national technical regulations under the Gulf Conformity Mark scheme. Additionally, visual presentations were provided by the Sultanate of Oman, the Kingdom of Bahrain, and the State of Kuwait, showcasing the technical tools supporting the implementation of the new Gulf Conformity Mark approach.

Circular Regarding the Use of Quality Rating Phrases on Food Product Labels

The Saudi Food & Drug Authority (SFDA), in an official circular, emphasized the importance for all food manufacturers and importers to comply with the approved regulations when indicating the quality grade or rating of a food product on its label. Such grades must fully adhere to the provisions outlined in the applicable technical regulations and standards.

The authority also stressed the necessity of providing evidence to verify the accuracy of the quality grade, as follows:

Imported food products:

Attach a shipment certificate of conformity issued by one of the conformity assessment bodies accredited by the authority with the clearance request, verifying the accuracy of the "quality grade/rating" indicated on the product label.

Local food products:

Submit a technical analysis report issued by one of the conformity assessment bodies appointed for testing activities, confirming the accuracy of the "quality grade/rating" listed on the local product label.

The authority also clarified that it will take all regulatory measures in the event of non-compliance with the circular, six months after its issuance.

"SFDA" Leads the Digital Transformation in Regulating the Safety of Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics

The Saudi Food & Drug Authority (SFDA) continues its journey toward a new phase of regulatory innovation through a series of pioneering digital transformation initiatives aimed at enhancing drug safety, advancing pharmacovigilance activities, and improving oversight of cosmetic products.

In a recent report titled "Leadership in Digital Transformation for Drug and Cosmetic Safety: The Journey of Regulatory Innovation in Saudi Arabia," the authority highlighted its integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing (NLP), and Robotic Process Automation (RPA) within its regulatory systems to strengthen public health protection and accelerate regulatory procedures.