

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.



A New MoU between Tabseer and the Egyptian Organization for Standards and Quality

Tabseer has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Egyptian Organization for Standards and Quality. The agreement is designed to expand cooperation in conformity assessment, training, and sustainability, while helping Egyptian products gain smoother entry into Saudi and Gulf markets.

Eng. Mansour Al-Qahtani, CEO of Tabseer, highlighted that this partnership is a strategic step forward. Also, he noted that the collaboration will support the transfer of technical expertise, broaden inspection and conformity assessment services, and help businesses meet the technical requirements of different export markets.

For his part, Dr Khaled Soufi, President of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and Chairman of the Egyptian Organization for Standards and Quality, said the agreement aligns with the Ministry of Industry's vision to deepen Arab partnerships, strengthen quality systems, and position Egyptian products for global markets in line with international best practices.

The areas of cooperation include issuing conformity certificates through the SABER system, supporting procedures for obtaining the Saudi Quality Mark, and delivering specialized training programs, organizing awareness events, and preparing companies to obtain carbon and water footprint certifications, efforts that will enhance the quality of Egyptian products and strengthen their competitive edge.

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The workshop discussion covered several key points, including an introduction to the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) and its role, an overview of Tabseer as an approved conformity assessment body recognized by SASO, and a presentation on the Saudi Quality Mark and its requirements, along with a discussion of the customer journey to obtain it. The session also addressed factory audit visits, the challenges faced by manufacturers, and an introduction to the new Manah Platform.

SABER launches new updates to product customs codes



The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) announced updates to a set of customs items on the SABER electronic platform. These items will be subject to technical regulations starting February 2025, 1, with a 30-day compliance period.

The customs items being updated include several products subject to the Technical Regulation for Building Materials – Part 1: Metal Sections and Alloys for Buildings and Construction, which covers:

- Animal feed ties
- Epoxy resins.

Saudi Standards Laboratories achieves AI Management System certification

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO), represented by the General Directorate of Laboratories, has been awarded the ISO/IEC 42001:2023 Artificial Intelligence Management System certification by the British Standards Institution (BSI), a global accreditation body. This recognition comes in acknowledgment of SASO's implementation of a comprehensive AI management system. Notably, ISO/IEC 42001 is the world's first international standard for an Artificial Intelligence Management System. This achievement reflects the laboratories' commitment to adopting global best practices in the development, implementation, and use of artificial intelligence technologies, including machine learning and deep learning models, within a structured, safe, and responsible management framework that ensures output reliability, result accuracy, and effective risk management.

Artificial intelligence is currently being used in the laboratories to automatically verify energy efficiency test results for air conditioning units, contributing to higher quality, faster and more accurate work, eliminating human errors, improving procedural efficiency, and supporting informed technical decision-making.

“GSO” participates in the 61st session of the Arab Higher Committee for Standardization in Rabat



The GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) has participated in the 61st meeting of the Arab High Committee for Standardization, affiliated with the Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDSMO), held from 11 to 12 February 2026 in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco.

The meetings witnessed high-level participation from heads and representatives of Arab national standardization bodies, along with representatives of specialized international organizations, including the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), and ASTM International. This reflects the importance of these meetings as an effective Arab platform for coordinating positions, exchanging expertise, and strengthening joint technical cooperation in line with global developments in standardization and quality.

“SFDA” organizes an interactive workshop on the role of modern technologies in enhancing food safety



The Saudi Food & Drug Authority (SFDA) organized an interactive workshop at its headquarters in Riyadh to review artificial intelligence (AI) tools and digital solutions designed to support the national food safety system. The workshop highlighted modern technologies implemented in food factories and their impact on compliance with quality and safety standards. This initiative is part of the SFDA's ongoing commitment to strengthening product safety under its supervision.

Several leading food companies in the Kingdom participated in the workshop, which emphasized the importance of employing advanced technological solutions to improve production efficiency, enhance control systems, and support compliance with approved technical regulations.



“SFDA” signs MoU with the Central Islamic Council of Thailand on the sidelines of the Makkah Halal Forum

The Saudi Food & Drug Authority (SFDA) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Central Islamic Council of the Kingdom of Thailand, on the sidelines of the 3rd Makkah Halal Forum, held from February 14 to 16 at the Makkah Chamber of Commerce and Industry Exhibition & Events Center.

This MoU aims to strengthen joint cooperation between the two parties and support efforts to develop the halal ecosystem at the international level, contributing to its consolidation, enhancing the role of the halal sector in economic diversification, and opening broader opportunities for its products in global markets.

This collaboration builds on the efforts of the Saudi Center for Halal to support the Halal Mark initiative as a globally trusted certification and to expand the reach of the Global Halal Academy internationally, by training human resources and building capacities, contributing to strengthening confidence in halal products worldwide.