

The Monthly Newsletter

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Tabseer Hosts a Virtual Workshop:

"How to Obtain the Saudi Quality Mark for Chemical Products – Thermal and Waterproofing Insulation Products"

Tabseer held a virtual workshop on Thursday, April 30, 2026, titled "How to Obtain the Saudi Quality Mark for Chemical Products – Thermal and Waterproofing Insulation Products."

The session covered several key topics, including an introduction to thermal and waterproofing insulation, quality standards for these products, the benefits of the Quality Mark and quality system implementation. Also, Tabseer explained the requirements for companies and manufacturers to obtain the Saudi Quality Mark.

Tabseer Organizes a Joint Workshop with EOS

As part of ongoing efforts to strengthen technical cooperation and exchange expertise, the Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality (EOS), in collaboration with Tabseer, organized a specialized virtual workshop titled: "The Integrated System for the Requirements of Granting the Egyptian and Saudi Quality Marks."

The workshop brought together a group of experts and specialists in quality and conformity assessment. It showcased the latest technical and procedural requirements for obtaining quality certifications, highlighting conformity assessment mechanisms and their role in enhancing product efficiency and competitiveness in local, regional, and international markets aligned with SASO standards.

Environmental Performance Label for Paints and Varnishes Becomes Mandatory Starting October 2026

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization announced that importers of products covered by the technical regulation for paints and varnishes may, currently, optionally apply for the Environmental Performance Label.

The authority confirmed that obtaining the label will become mandatory as of October 1, 2026, as part of its efforts to promote sustainability and improve the efficiency of products in the market.



SABER Platform Update: New Feature to Cancel Requests Before Final Decision



SASO has introduced a new feature on the SABER platform that allows conformity assessment bodies to cancel product compliance requests at the final decision stage before the decision is officially approved.

This update aims to enhance the platform's services and improve the efficiency of conformity assessment procedures. It provides greater flexibility in handling applications and ensures technical considerations are fully addressed during the review process.

The feature also improves the user experience for importers and manufacturers by allowing additional time to resolve technical remarks or complete requirements before issuing a final decision, reducing the need for resubmission or later amendments.

Updated Energy Efficiency Standards for Low Voltage Devices

SASO has announced the adoption of updates to two energy efficiency standards for low-voltage electrical devices and equipment:

- SASO 2663:2025
- SASO 2874:2025

Mandatory implementation of these updated standards will begin on December 1, 2026. The authority emphasized that no Certificate of Conformity or Shipment Certificate will be issued for products that do not comply with the updated standards starting from the enforcement date.



Circular on Updating the Declaration Form for Shipment Certificates and Adding a New Product

Following previous circulars requiring all importers to complete the declaration form when applying for a Shipment Certificate, SASO announced an update to the form. A new product and its corresponding HS Code have been added, in line with the approved model by the Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources.

The added product is:

Flat-rolled steel with a thickness of 0.5 mm or more but not exceeding 1 mm, HS Code: 720917000002

The authority confirmed that, starting May 1, 2026, no approvals for Shipment Certificates will be issued unless the updated declaration form is completed in compliance with the new requirements.

This update aims to regulate shipment procedures, improve compliance with technical standards, and ensure data accuracy in import processes.

SASO Launches Periodic Vehicle Inspection Booking via Tawakkalna App



SASO has launched a service allowing users to book periodic vehicle inspection appointments through the national application Tawakkalna, as part of its efforts to enhance digital services and improve accessibility.

The service enables users to schedule inspections electronically through a unified platform, improving user experience, increasing booking efficiency, and reducing irregular practices associated with appointment scheduling.

Users can access the service via the Tawakkalna app by selecting the "Vehicle Inspection" service and following the booking steps easily.

Tabuk Chamber Hosts Workshop on the Role of Standards in Supporting National Industries



The Tabuk Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with SASO, organized a workshop titled "The Role of Saudi Standards in Supporting National Industries."

The session highlighted the importance of standards in improving the quality and competitiveness of local products, along with an overview of SASO's services and initiatives supporting various sectors. It also covered the general regulation for conformity models, technical regulations for automotive spare parts, and mechanisms for implementing standards and enhancing compliance in the market. Also, the workshop emphasized the technical and regulatory aspects of standards and their role in ensuring safety, quality, and trust in national products.



GSO Approves 167 New Gulf Standards

During its 62nd meeting, the Technical Council of the Gulf Standardization Organization (GSO) approved 167 new Gulf standards, along with updates and translations of several standards and technical regulations.

Key decisions included:

- Adoption of (167) new Gulf standards
- Approval of (7) translation projects for Gulf standards
- Approval of (31) technical amendments and editorial corrections to internationally adopted Gulf standards
- Approval of (2) technical amendments to the Gulf technical regulations
- Withdrawal of (15) Gulf standards
- Approval of (13) new Gulf technical regulation projects

These decisions reflect the Gulf countries' commitment to advancing standardization systems and aligning with international best practices to ensure product quality and consumer safety.

Circular: Submission of Cosmetic Product Clearance Requests to SFDA



The Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) emphasized that companies and importers of cosmetic products must ensure that clearance requests for shipments are submitted to the authority's queue via the FASAH platform after the issuance of the Certificate of Conformity.

At this stage, the request status should appear as "Pending Assignment."

If the request appears as "Pending Completion" in the importer's account after the certificate is issued, the importer must complete the required data, especially the bill of lading details, and resubmit the request to the authority's queue to proceed with the clearance process.