

GUIDELINES OF IMPORTS FOR THE TRADE



**CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT OF
GOODS TO BE EXPORTED TO
THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**



This data sheet has been prepared specifically in respect of exports to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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1. PRODUCT CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT (PCA) MANDATE

PROGRAM NAME	Recognition Program on Certificates of Conformity
PROGRAM MANDATED BY	Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO)
IMPLEMENTATION DATE (RENEWAL)	December 2013
PROGRAMME SCOPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure conformity of imported products to the applicable technical regulations and standards • All regulated products must be accompanied by a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) issued by an entity authorized by SASO
REGULATED PRODUCTS	<p>All products except the following ones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and agricultural products • Medicines • Medical devices and equipment • Crude oil
ASSESSMENT METHODS	<p>Depending on the nature of the product, the assessment methods consist of one or a combination of the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-shipment inspection • Laboratory testing • Factory audits & • Documentary verification
FORMS OF ATTESTATION	A Certificate of Conformity (CoC) is issued for shipments meeting the regulatory requirements
PURPOSE OF ATTESTATION (COC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CoC is needed for customs clearance of the imported goods (mandatory document) and • Provides the Saudi authorities with a basis for conducting post-market Surveillance to ensure product conformity to applicable and mandatory standards and technical regulations

FEES	Fees have been established by Saudi Customs as follow:	
	Declared FOB value of the shipment (USD)	Applicable fees (USD)
	0 – 10,000	200
	10,001 – 60,000	350
	60,001 – 100,000	450
	100,001 – 200,000	900
	200,001 – 500,000	1800
	500,001 – And Above	2500
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The above fees cover documentary verification, shipment inspection and issuance of CoC. The above fees do not include testing and sealing. 	
2. VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS		
INSPECTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose: Product identification and verification that requirements not covered by the testing (e.g. marking, labeling, packaging) are fulfilled Labeling requirements: good destined to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia should be labelled in “Arabic” or both “Arabic and English) in accordance with the legislations and the nature of the product. Products defined by SASO as high risk products (see section 3), require pre-shipment inspection, container’s stuffing supervision and sealing, packages wrapping (if goods not in a FCL) and additional barcode sticker with a serial number to be placed on each individual package or on each outer box which includes many individual packages. 	
TESTING	<p>Test reports: only test reports from the following entities will be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SGS Laboratories Laboratories with valid ISO17025 accreditation 	
STANDARDS	<p>Applicable standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical Regulations issued and enforced in Saudi Arabia SASO (Saudi Arabian Standards Organization) GSO (Standardization Organization for GCC) International Standards (ISO, IEC...) National Standards (NF, BS, DIN...) 	
CoC ISSUANCE	<p>Documents required for CoC issuance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed Request for Certification (RFC) Manufacturer’s/Seller’s declaration Test Report Inspection report Final Invoice <p>Other documents: when applicable and/or relevant, the following documents may also be requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality management system certificates (e.g. ISO 9001) Copies of accreditations from the laboratory where testing was performed Product’s technical data sheets 	

3. HIGH RISK PRODUCTS

The following products are considered as high risk products:

- Sockets, plugs and adaptor (HS code: 85366910-85366990)
- Electrical extension cords (HS code: 85444210-85444220)
- Mobile chargers (HS code: 85437090)
- Hair dryers (HS code: 85163100)
- Car spare Parts (Brake Pads, Brake disc, Filters, Shock Absorber, Driveshaft and Glass)
- Electrical water heaters (HS code: 85161000)
- Heating appliance (Electric heaters) (HS code: 85162910)
- Car tires (HS code: 40111000)
- Children toys (HS code: 9503)

4. PROHIBITED PRODUCTS

1	Swine and its meat, fat, hair, blood and offal, and all that is extracted from it.
2	Dogs; except dogs for hunting, guarding or for guiding the blind with certificates from the competent authorities in the exporting country authenticated by the Saudi embassy indicating that the dog to be entered is a dog for guarding, hunting or for guiding the blind. In addition, it shall be presented to the veterinary quarantine.
3	Frog meat.
4	Narcotic drugs of all kinds, forms and names in addition to the snuff, tumbak and cola nut (Cola acuminata) "Goro".
5	All foodstuffs made of animal blood.
6	Wines and intoxicants of all kinds including what contains alcoholic substances at any intoxicating ratio, as well as wine distillation appliances and materials which are not used except in its distillation.
7	The Holy Quran in commercial quantities.
8	Blank invoices addressed in the name of foreign companies abroad.
9	Advertising materials for cigarettes of all kinds.
10	The cross or any commodity with pictures, inscriptions, drawings, recitations or phrases including books, prospectuses and other publications, films and tapes which are contrary to the Islamic faith and morals or the publications regulation.
11	Empty packings coming from abroad for the purpose of their refilling domestically with origin indication affixed on them.
12	Dummies which are not in compliance with the Sharia provisions and general morals and imported for sale in commercial quantities.
13	Tools, machines and devices for gambling of all kinds.
14	Used and retreaded tires.
15	Christmas trees.
16	Weapons and military equipment of all kinds and parts and ammunitions thereof exclusive of those for competent government sectors.

17	Night vision binoculars, binocular night vision cameras and telescopic sights for fitting to arms.
18	Explosive and radioactive substances, firecrackers, gunpowder salt of all kinds and potassium chlorates except with an official permit.
19	Fireworks of all kinds.
20	Medicaments not bearing a label or accompanied by a leaflet showing their composition and quantity of each component according to the regulation for practicing the profession of pharmacology and trade in medicines and medical preparations.
21	Goods on which drawn the government emblem in the form of two crossed swords with a palm tree with long stem and leaves in the space above and between the blades properly represented.
22	Nutmeg fruit; seeds and powder thereof. Permission to import it is confined to its powder mixed with other spices within the limits of permissible ratio which does not exceed 20%.
23	Bonds and coupons for sacrificial animals (Adahiy and Hady), ransom (Fidyah) and charity (Sadaqah).
24	Cameras which strip the body of dresses in a naked form.
25	Massage devices presented in a manner violating morals.
26	Small cars and motorcycles for children which their height from their wheel axis does not exceed 50 cm, and equipped with petrol, gas or any combustible substance-powered engine as well as battery-powered if its speed exceeds 10 km/hour.
27	Unlocking devices used in opening doors and cars.
28	Annoying horns.
29	Disguise masks.
30	Empty bags imported separately bearing marks or data about foodstuffs or cement or their companies' trademarks. What is imported for domestic companies is excluded.
31	Transparent women' cloaks even if is for personal use.
32	Special forms of knives designed for aggressive purposes such as being with two blades or with handle.
33	Entertainment devices which contain hysterical laughter.
34	Sodium carbonates (soda ash).
35	Pens in syringe form.
36	Goods bearing flags of foreign countries in a big prominent form.
37	Preparations which cause irritation to the organs of the body.
38	Specimen of Prophet Mohammed's (peace be upon him) stamp.
39	Goods bearing names and pictures of celebrities.
40	Wild animal hides.
41	Wireless video transmitters (video booster).
42	Videophones.
43	Suitcases containing radio, cassette recorder and alarm devices.
44	Greeting cards containing a small musical device that runs automatically upon moving the card.

45	Vehicle antennas similar to antennas of policemen' cars and wireless televisions.
46	Counterfeit money.
47	Potassium bromate which is used as a maturing agent in baking bread.
48	Vehicles with two exhaust pipes, 450 Horse Power and ordinary transmission.
49	Devices fixed behind the driver to alert him in case he sleeps.
50	Eagle emblem.
51	Devices which change the voice.
52	Laser spectacles with perforations.
53	Illuminated footwear in which mercury is used.
54	Games in the form of human hand which some drivers display prominently in their vehicles.
55	Electronic mihrab.
56	Kaaba Musharafa model.
57	Six-pointed star.
58	Old newspapers.
59	Vehicles with steering wheel on the right side.
60	Antique guns.
61	Laser pens.

5. CONTACT INFORMATION

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