

GUIDELINES OF IMPORTS FOR THE TRADE



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



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1. PRODUCT CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT

PROGRAM NAME	Recognition Program on Certificates of Conformity
PROGRAM MANDATE BY	Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO)
IMPLEMENTATION DATE (RENEWAL)	December 2013
SCOPE OF THE PROGRAMME	<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

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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

- 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

- 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 and packages wrapping (if goods will not in a FCL). Shipments of toys will require additional bar code sticker to be placed on each individual toy package.

TESTING

- Test reports:** only test reports from the following entities will be considered:
- SGS Laboratories
 - Laboratories with valid ISO17025 accreditation

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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)

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4. PROHIBITED PRODUCTS

S. No.	Description WTO	Justification
1	Live swine, meat, fat, hair, blood, guts, limbs and all other products of swine	GATT Art. XX(a)
2	Dogs, other than hunting dogs, guard dogs or guide dogs for the blind, accompanied with a certificate from a competent authority in the country of exportation duly qualified by the Saudi Arabian embassy stated therein that the dog to be admitted is a hunting dog, guard dog or guide dog for the blind, in addition to submitting to the veterinary quarantine	GATT Art. XX(a)
3	Frog meat	GATT Art. XX(a)
4	Narcotics of all types, forms and descriptions	GATT Art. XX(b)
5	Animal or vegetable raw natural organic fertilizer	GATT Art. XX(b)
6	Goro nut	GATT Art. XXI
7	Betel	GATT Art. XX(b)
8	Alcoholic beverages and intoxicants of all kinds, including those containing alcohol in any intoxicating proportion	GATT Art. XX(a)
9	Tobacco snuff – Tobacco "sawika"	GATT Art. XX(b)
10	Asbestos and products thereof	GATT Art. XX(b)
11	Sarin toxic gas	GATT Art. XX(b)
12	Industrial waste and hazardous refuse	GATT Art. XX(b)
13	Fireworks of the kind used by children such as snaps, rockets, sulfuric jitters and night stars, etc., falling within this scope	GATT Art. XX(b)
14	Used and rethreaded tyres	GATT Art. XX(b)
15	The Holy Quran	GATT Art. XX(a)
16	Saudi Arabian stamps	GATT Art. XX(d)
17	Greeting cards with electric circuit	GATT Art. XXI
18	Coupons of Hadi (sacrificial animals)	GATT Art. XX(d)
19	Blank invoices of foreign companies abroad	GATT Art. XX(d)
20	Security car radar detection equipments	GATT Art. XXI
21	Satellite internet receiver	GATT Art. XXI
22	Apparatus releasing sounds of police car sirens or of some animals	GATT Art. XXI
23	Damaged vehicles, and right-hand drive vehicles	GATT Art. XX(b)
24	Two, three and four wheeler children's motor cycles or Vehicles	GATT Art. XX(b)
25	Binoculars in which electric circuit is used and it directly projects red light on the target	GATT Art. XXI
26	Revolvers and pistols in the shape of mobile phones, lighters, pagers, pens or other pistols	GATT Art. XXI
27	Remote control airplanes and parts thereof	GATT Art. XXI
28	Noise-making pistols and guns, and toy pistols similar in shape to real pistols	GATT Art. XXI
29	Mummified animals	GATT Art. XX(a)
30	All foodstuff containing animal blood in their manufacturing	GATT Art. XX(a)
31	Drink having description of Zamzam	GATT Art. XX(a)

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32	All types of machines, equipment and tools for gambling or games of chance	GATT Art. XX(a)
33	Kuwait and Iraq war leftover equipment and machinery	GATT Art. XXI
34	Publicity material for cigarettes of any kind	GATT Art. XX(b)
35	Products polluted by radiation or nuclear dust (e.g., watches of trademark Trophy)	GATT Art. XX(b)

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