

SASO SABER

EXPORTER AND IMPORTER GUIDELINES | SAUDI ARABIA

OVERVIEW

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) is a technical government body in Saudi Arabia that governs tasks related to standards, metrology, and quality. It manages the Saudi Product Safety Program known as “SALEEM” to verify that imported goods meet the country’s quality and safety standards. Today, virtually all product consignments intended to be imported to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia must present SASO Certificates of Conformity. There is a two-stage certification process: (1) Product Certification Stage and (2) Shipment Certification Stage. The exporters can obtain these required certifications for Saudi Customs clearance through SABER, a platform developed by SASO that allows importers and exporters to electronically obtain the SASO Certificates. Do you want to export your products into Saudi Arabia? Let MTS guide you through the procedures of conformity evaluation & certification to ensure the compliance to the applicable standards of all regulated products imported into Saudi Arabia.



WHAT IS SASO?

SASO Certificate of Conformity (CoC) is specific to Saudi Arabia. It certifies that goods have been successfully tested and inspected acting as a passport for the goods to clear customs in KSA.



WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Anyone who supplies their goods to Saudi Arabia. Almost all kinds of consignments except specified categories need SASO CoCs in order for them to be shipped to Saudi Arabia.

SABER

SABER is a platform developed by SASO that allows importers of Saudi Arabia to electronically obtain the Product and Shipment Certificate, both are which are mandatory to enter the Saudi market. The applicant must register their product(s) with proper product test reports and required documents into the SABER system. Once the conformity to relevant standards is proven and approved by the SASO Approved Conformity Assessment Body, the applicant shall obtain the Product and Shipment Certificates of Conformity.

Required Documents for SABER Registration

- ✓ Product image with specifications and technical data sheet
- ✓ Care label image
- ✓ SASO/SALEEM test reports
- ✓ Importer's declaration of conformity
- ✓ Risk assessment
- ✓ GST certificate
- ✓ Company registration certificate
- ✓ Import/Export certificate
- ✓ Quality management system certificates (if available)
- ✓ Factory audit (applicable depending on product)



CERTIFICATION PROCESS

SABER REGISTRATION



PRODUCT VERIFICATION



PRODUCT CERTIFICATION



SHIPMENT CERTIFICATION

1. SABER REGISTRATION

SABER is a platform that allows importers and local manufacturers to electronically obtain the required Certificate of Conformity (both Product and Shipment Certificates of Conformity). Importer shall log-in to the SABER platform (<https:saber.sa>) and register its entity details and the product(s) that it intends to import into Saudi Arabia.

2. PRODUCT VERIFICATION

SABER system detects the risk level of product(s) registered based on the supplied HS code and product category. Those items that are regulated by Saudi Arabia TR must be tested by a Notified Body to submit required documents such as test reports, quality certificates, risk assessment reports, inspection report and etc, as applicable.

3. PRODUCT CERTIFICATION

A Product Certificate of Conformity (PCoC) is issued through the SABER system after compliance to relevant standards is proven with proper test reports and documents approved by the SASO Approved Conformity Assessment Body. PCoC is valid for one (1) year - it is specific to the product and is not transferable.

4. SHIPMENT CERTIFICATION

A Shipment Certificate of Conformity (SCoC) is required for each consignment that is to be shipped to Saudi Arabia. Importer can obtain SCoC through the SABER system by uploading the proper Type Approval Certificates and shipment documents. Once both PCoC & SCoC is obtained, the subject product is now ready for shipment.

MTS SASO Certifications Program

Program Objective

The objective of this program is to ensure that the suppliers' goods are successfully imported into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with speed and accuracy. MTS SASO Program provides document review, product testing and inspections, and SABER registration. MTS SASO Program ensures the conformity of certain imported products to the applicable technical regulations and standards and to be issued a Product and a Shipment Certificate under the SABER system of SASO. This is achieved with the help of MasterCert / Saudi Industrial Inspection Services Co. (SIIC) of Saudi Arabia.

Program Benefits

- ✓ Customs clearance for all parts of Saudi Arabia
- ✓ Ensure quality and safety of the product(s)
- ✓ Mitigate risks of trades frauds
- ✓ One-stop solution
- ✓ Save cost and time



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STEPS TO EXPORTING YOUR PRODUCT

DOCUMENT REVIEW

PRODUCT TESTING

ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATION

SHIPMENT TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. DOCUMENT REVIEW

MTS shall review the applicant's required documents for SABER registration and the issuance of Product and Shipment Certificates. MTS will evaluate the details of the product consignment and verify its compliance requirements against the SASO Technical Regulation.

2. PRODUCT TESTING

As part of the conformity assessment process, as defined in each of the relevant SASO Technical Regulations, MTS will test the product(s) as per the applicable SASO standards. Thus, MTS provides conformity documents such as test reports.

3. ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATION

MTS guides applicants to submit the proper test reports and required documents under SABER system. After compliance to relevant standards are proven, the applicant shall receive the Product and Shipment Certificate through the SABER system for Saudi customs clearance.

4. SHIPMENT TO SAUDI ARABIA

MTS helps to ensure that every consignment is accompanied with proper certificates for shipment to Saudi Arabia.

SASO/SABER Program

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SASO Technical Regulations

Utilizing our decades of experience and expertise with extensive global network allows us to validate the conformity of the product to the applicable SASO standards. The table below contains details of the SASO approved Technical Regulations, their product scope and type of approval. There are three (3) approval types; 1a, 3 and 5. Different conformity assessment activities are required for each type as applicable:

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- Type 1a: Product Testing / Document Review
- Type 3: Product Testing / Document Review / Audit
- Type 5: Product Testing / Document Review / Audit / Surveillance Factory Audit

Technical Regulation	Product Scope	Approval Type
BD-142004-01 and TC-143307-01 Technical Regulation for Low-Voltage Electrical Equipment and Appliances	• Certain electrical and electronic devices (AC 50-1000V or DC 75-1500V)	1a
M.A.-155-16-03-01 Technical Regulation for Lubricating Oil	• Lubricating oil for various uses • Used refined or recycled oils as essential oils in the composition of lubricating oils • Brake fluid, automatic transmission fluid	3
M.A.-156-16-04-02 Technical Regulation for Building Materials - Part II: Insulating and Cladding Materials for Buildings	• Insulation and cladding material	3
M.A.-161-17-07-03 Technical Regulations for Building Materials - Part IV Bricks, Tiles, Ceramics, Sanitary Ware and Related Products	• Bricks, tiles, marble and stone, sanitary ware and related products • Does not include cement tile and brick • Ceramic products (Notes: Saudi Quality Mark required)	3 5
M.A.-155-16-03-03 Technical Regulation for Paints (Dyes) and Varnishes	• Emulsion paints, oil paints and varnishes for use in residential and commercial buildings, and public utilities	3
M.A.-155-06-03-04 Technical Regulation for Electric Self-Balancing Boards (Scooter)	• Electric self-balancing plates (scooters)	3
M.A.-166-18-04-02 Technical Regulations for Electrical Batteries	• Car batteries • Portable batteries, such as button cells, weighing less than 1kg • Exclude batteries for military, medical devices, and aeronautical industry	3
M.A.-162-17-04-02 Technical Regulations for Auto Spare Parts*	• New original spare parts that are used for motor vehicles, such as seat belts, motor vehicle glass, vehicle lamps • Importer is approved licensed distributors for the spare part manufacturer of the new original spare parts • New commercial spare parts • Importer is any other suppliers	1a 3
M.A.-165-18-04-04 Technical Regulations for Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment	• Equipment and clothing designed to protect the health and safety of its user against potential hazards • Excludes medical equipment and protective clothing for medical or military uses	3
M.A.-164-18-05-02 Technical Regulation of Textile Products*	• Products that contain at least 80% by weight of textile component that are not children's product or underwear • Children's product or underwear	1a 3
M.A.-155-16-03-02 Technical Regulations for Detergents	• Detergents, surfactant and soap • Unpackaged detergents that are supplied in large containers for the purpose of refill and repackaging	3

Technical Regulation	Product Scope	Approval Type
Technical Regulations for Adhesives and Related Products	• Adhesives and glue products (for example, structural adhesives, adhesives for leather, footwear, wood products, paper, packaging)	1a
Technical Regulations for Jewelry Decoration and Accessories	• Jewelry and accessories made of metals, plastics, glass or valuable material • Tiny beads used in the accessories	1a
E.M. 171-19-06-02 Technical Regulations for Building Materials Part 5: Pipes for Water, Electricity and Gas Networks	•Plastic and metal pipe system used in transport of water and electrical installations in building and accessories	3
Technical Regulations for Telecommunications Devices	•Wireless communication devices (for example, mobile phones, headsets, smart devices)	1a
Technical Regulations for Packaging E.M. 171-19-06-04	•Packaging products: paper, cardboard, wood, plastics, textile, and any other materials used in packaging	1a
Technical Regulations for Food Safety in Kitchen Appliances E.M. 171-19-06-04	•Materials and surfaces in contact with food (for example, cooking equipment, tableware, food packaging materials and containers)	3
Technical Regulations for Shoes and Leather	•Footwear made of leather, textile, plastic or a mixture of these materials	1a
Technical Regulations for Pressure Devices and Equipment and their Accessories M.A.-172-19-04-02	•Devices operating under pressure and their accessories (for example, fire extinguishers, pressure cookers)	1a
Technical Regulations for Firefighting Equipment and Materials M.A.-172-19-04-02	•Products for firefighting (for example, fire extinguisher, alarm systems, fire hoses)	3
Technical Regulations for Doors and Windows	•Doors and windows made of plastics, wood, glass or metal •Accessories for doors and windows •Warehouse doors, armored doors, fire-proof doors	1a
Technical Regulations for Machinery Safety – Part 1: Portable and Oriented Machines	•Portable machines •Cutting and sawing machines •Cranes •Mobile machines used in general construction •Drilling machines	1a

About MTS

MTS is an independent consumer product quality assurance company strategically positioned in worldwide locations. Our team is comprised of some of the most technically strong, innovative, and energetic people in the industry. MTS is privately owned company that operates without the pressures of short-term financial performance, empowering its teams to be dedicated to its core philosophy of being the most responsive, flexible, and client focused in the business.

Our extensive global network in 19 worldwide locations enables us to provide services wherever our client is based and irrespective of the ultimate destination of the products. Utilizing our decades of experience and expertise throughout the sourcing process increases speed-to-market efficiency, decreases costs, and better positions your products to meet or exceed customer expectations.

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