

SAUDI SASO: High-Risk & Banned Product List

High-Risk Products

- If you're exporting high-risk products to Saudi Arabia they will require a higher level of assessment during the SASO Certification process. Even if you already have import arrangements in place.

- Sockets, Plugs and Adapters
- Electrical Extension Cords
- Mobile Chargers
- Hair Dryers
- Electrical Water Heaters
- Heating Appliances and Electrical Heaters
- Car Spare Parts including Brake Pads, Fuel Filters, Oil Filters and Air Filters
- Car Tyres
- Children's Toys

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Banned Products

Certain products are prohibited from entering the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA).

- Swine and its meat, fat, hair, blood and offal, and all that is extracted from it.
- 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.
- Frog meat.
- Narcotic drugs of all kinds, forms and names in addition to the snuff, tumbak and cola nut (*Cola acuminata*) "Goro".
- All foodstuffs made of animal blood.
- 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.
- The Holy Quran in commercial quantities.
- Blank invoices addressed in the name of foreign companies abroad.
- Advertising materials for cigarettes of all kinds.
- 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.
- Empty packings coming from abroad for the purpose of their refilling domestically with origin indication affixed on them.

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Banned Products

- Dummies which are not in compliance with the Sharia provisions and general morals and imported for sale in commercial quantities.
- Tools, machines and devices for gambling of all kinds.
- Used and re-treaded tyres.
- Christmas trees.
- Weapons and military equipment of all kinds and parts and ammunitions thereof exclusive of those for competent government sectors.
- Night vision binoculars, binocular night vision cameras and telescopic sights for fitting to arms.
- Explosive and radioactive substances, firecrackers, gunpowder salt of all kinds and potassium chlorates except with an official permit.
- Fireworks of all kinds.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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%.
- Bonds and coupons for sacrificial animals (Adahiy and Hady), ransom (Fidyah) and charity (Sadaqah).
- Cameras which strip the body of dresses in a naked form.
- Massage devices presented in a manner violating morals.

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- 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.
- Unlocking devices used in opening doors and cars.
- Annoying horns.
- Disguise masks.
- Empty bags imported separately bearing marks or data about foodstuffs or cement or their companies' trademarks. What is imported for domestic companies is excluded.
- Transparent women's cloaks even if is for personal use.
- Special forms of knives designed for aggressive purposes such as being with two blades or with handle.
- Entertainment devices which contain hysterical laughter.
- Sodium carbonates (soda ash).
- Pens in syringe form.
- Goods bearing flags of foreign countries in a big prominent form.
- Preparations which cause irritation to the organs of the body.
- A specimen of Prophet Mohammed's (peace be upon him) stamp.
- Goods bearing names and pictures of celebrities.
- Wild animal hides.
- Wireless video transmitters (video booster).
- Videophones.
- Suitcases containing radio, cassette recorder and alarm devices.
- Greeting cards containing a small musical device that runs automatically upon moving the card.
- Vehicle antennas similar to antennas of policemen's cars and wireless televisions.

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- Counterfeit money.
- Potassium bromate which is used as a maturing agent in baking bread.
- Vehicles with two exhaust pipes, 450 Horse Power and ordinary transmission.
- Devices fixed behind the driver to alert him in case he sleeps.
- Eagle emblem.
- Devices which change the voice.
- Laser spectacles with perforations.
- Illuminated footwear in which mercury is used.
- Games in the form of human hand which some drivers display prominently in their vehicles.
- Electronic mihrab.
- Kaaba Musharafa model.
- Six-pointed star.
- Old newspapers.
- Vehicles with steering wheel on the right side.
- Antique guns.
- Laser pens.

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