SAUDI SASO

HOW TO COMPLY WITH THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME
The Middle East's largest country in sq. miles and second largest economy, Saudi Arabia, is a market that existing or up-and-coming exporters should pay close attention to. With economists agreeing that the government's plan to diversify the Saudi economy away from oil will successfully boost growth in the longer term.

However, complex Saudi Arabian customs requirements and the SASO Certificate of Conformity programme can mean many firms come unstuck.

What customs challenges will you face?

Saudi Arabia is one of many Middle Eastern countries operating a mandatory Conformity Assessment Programme. The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization Conformity Assessment Programme (SASO CoC for short) is implemented to ensure that unsafe goods and those of poor quality do not enter the market.

Those new to export must consider that Certificate of Conformity and Country of Origin requirements are mandatory and that it is the exporter, not the importer who is responsible.

Failure to adhere can result in costly fines, delayed shipments, or risk of company blacklisting at customs.

SASO Objectives:

- Elevate the standards and the quality of products and services
- Provide assurance to Saudi consumers of the quality and safety of imported goods
- Strengthen the competitiveness of the national economy
- Prevent the import of products which fail to meet requirements relating to the Islamic Religion and National culture
Programme Requirements

SASO regulated products being exported to Saudi Arabia must provide assurance of compliance with technical regulations issued and enforced in Saudi Arabia or equivalent international standards. This should be demonstrated with Test reports issued by an accredited lab.

Each individual consignment of regulated products must be accompanied by a SASO Certificate of Conformity (SASO CoC).

Products on the Regulated Products list must undergo conformity assessment prior to shipping.

To check if your products are listed visit xds-solutions.com/saso

SASO CoC Best Practice:

To have confidence that your product will clear Saudi Customs, follow these three steps:

- Understand SASO CoC, labelling and testing requirements for your products, before you finalise plans to expand your export business into Saudi Arabia.
- Plan ahead, ensure that your SASO CoC is in place before shipping your first Saudi order.
- Ensure that your shipment has the correct export documents and labelling in place before shipping.

In addition, Saudi Arabia is also a member of the Gulf Standards Association (GSO). Before you ship understand the required import standards your products must meet.

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Additional Compliance Considerations

- Shipments that include certain electronic or electrical products must be performance tested against applicable Energy Efficiency Compliance technical regulations (EER) in addition to standard Saudi safety requirements. EER is required for the following products:
  - Air conditioners
  - Washing machines
  - Refrigerators/Freezers
  - Electrical lamps
  - Electrical motors

The latest list of EER regulated products can be found at www.saso.gov.sa

- Shipments of faucets, showers and toilets must now be labelled in line with the SASO Water Efficiency Labelling programme.
- To be accepted at port products with radio/wireless functionality must now gain Communications & Information Technology Commission (CITC) approval, as well as SASO Certificate of Conformity (CoC).

Stay up to date SASO requirements and ensure you are notified of changes as they happen: www.xds-solutions.com/saso

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