

# October News Brief



This monthly news brief presents a summary of the regulatory updates announced by the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO). As we are keen to keep you informed with all news and updates regarding the Saudi market.



المواصفات السعودية  
Saudi Standards

## SASO issues the timeline for implementing the amendments to a number of products standards

SASO issued a circular regarding the timeline of implementing the amendments to the standards (SASO IEC 60335-2-21) for electric storage water heaters, (SASO IEC 60335-2-30) for room heaters, and (SASO 2815) for cord extensions approved on 20/8/2021.

The timeline for implementing the amendments to the standards is as follows:

- Stop issuing the conformity certificate according to the old standards on 1/3/2023.
- Implementing the new standards in the customs ports and local factories on 1/6/2023.
- Stop placing the products that obtained the conformity certificate according to the old standards in the markets on 1/8/2024.



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## SAO approves updating 128 Standards

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) decided in its meeting held on 2/10/2022 to approve updating 128 Saudi standards set in Arabic based on the international, European, and American Standards including 37 standards based on the American Society for Testing and Material (ASTM), 44 standards based on the standards of the International Standardization Organization (ISO), 24 standards based on the standards of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), 3 standards based on the international standards (ISO/IEC), 16 standards based on the standards of the European Committee for Standardization, and 4 standards based on the Underwriters Laboratories.



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## The Technical Council of the GSO adopts (67) Gulf Standards and Technical Regulations

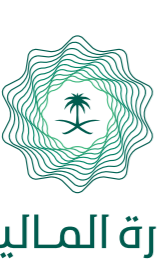
Saud bin Nasser Al-Khussaiby, Chairman of the GCC Standardization Organization (GSO), explained that in its fifty-third meeting, the Technical Council of the Organization adopted 56 Gulf standards for a number of products and approved 11 draft Gulf technical regulations to be submitted to the Ministerial Committee for Standardization Affairs for adoption as Gulf technical regulations.



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## The Official Gazette publishes the Technical Regulation for Simple Pressure Vessels

The Official Gazette published the decision of SASO to approve the Technical Regulation for Simple Pressure Vessels.



وزارة المالية  
Ministry of Finance

## Approving controls of fees for storing goods at land customs ports

The Official Gazette (Umm Al-Qura) published in its issue on October 7, 2022, the decision of the Minister of Finance to approve the controls of fees for storing goods at land customs ports, provided that this decision is effective from the date of its publication in the newspaper.



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## Adoption of 38 draft Gulf technical regulations in the fourth meeting of the Ministerial Committee for Standardization Affairs

The Ministerial Committee on Standardization Affairs of the GCC States held its fourth meeting at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Riyadh.

The committee reviewed a report on the level of implementation of the Authority's strategic plan for the year 2022, discussed a number of topics on its fourth agenda, and took decisions and recommendations in support of the joint Gulf action, most notably the adoption of (38) draft Gulf technical regulations, and approved the final account of the Authority for the fiscal year 2021.



هيئة الزكاة والضريبة والجمارك  
Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority

## The Official Gazette publishes goods storage fee controls at land customs ports

The official gazette (Umm Al Qura) published in its issue on October 7, 2022, the controls of fees for storing goods at land customs ports.

The newspaper explained that these controls represent the procedures for the collection of storage fees for goods received through land customs ports or goods passing through them, and it also clarifies the method of calculating storage fees in addition to the time of starting their calculation and the cases in which storage fees may not be collected.



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## SASO and the Commercial Committee of the Federation of Saudi Chambers discuss enhancing cooperation

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization and the National Trade Commission of the Federation of Saudi Chambers discussed enhancing integration and cooperation in areas of common interest.

The meeting discussed the most prominent challenges facing the private sector concerning the application of technical regulations and standard specifications and obtaining a certificate of conformity and quality mark.

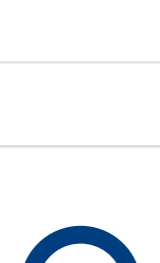


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## The GSO participates in the annual meeting of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

Saud bin Nasser Al-Khussaiby, Chairman of the GCC Standardization Organization headed the GCC delegation to the annual meeting of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), held in Abu Dhabi from 19 to 23 September 2022, hosted by the Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology of the United Arab Emirates.

On the margins of the meeting, the Authority signed a memorandum of understanding with the American Institute of Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration (AHRI), which represents more than 300 factories, with the aim of cooperating between the two sides and exchanging experiences in the fields of standardization, certification, technical legislation, research and statistics, and enhancing the participation of partners in the development of Gulf standardization activities.



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## The GSO discusses the future of standardization to achieve economic integration between the GCC countries and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

The work of the "Third Session of the Jordanian Gulf Economic Communication Forum" under the title "New horizons for economic and Jordanian cooperation", held on 27-28 September 2022, was concluded in the Jordanian capital, organized by the Jordan Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Federation of Chambers of the Gulf Cooperation Council, and with the support of the General Secretariat of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, with the broad participation of leaders, business owners, investors, heads of federations and chambers of commerce, in addition to Gulf bodies



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## The GSO celebrates World Standards Day

The GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) celebrated with standardization bodies and organizations around the world the 52nd World Standards Day, which falls on October 14, and the celebration this year comes under the slogan "The standards and objectives of sustainable development... Our shared vision of a better world."



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## Governmental integration between SASO and the mineral industry and wealth system to enable national industries

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization held a coordination meeting with the Mineral Industry and Wealth System.

The meeting discussed enhancing cooperation and integration between the Authority and the industry and mining system, in order to improve joint work and support complementary work, in order to achieve the objectives of the two sectors and translate their mission into improving the quality of national industrial services and products.



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## SASO hosts the National Export Committee

The Saudi Organization for Standardization, Metrology and Quality hosted a meeting with the National Export Committee in the Federation of Saudi Chambers at the headquarters of the Saudi Organization.

The meeting discussed the challenges facing the private sector with regard to the application of technical regulations and standard specifications, obtaining a certificate of conformity and a quality mark, and reviewed the Authority's initiatives and services provided to the private sector.

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