

The Monthly Newsletter

This newsletter will document all industry and importation-related developments in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It provides a monthly summary of all Saudi market developments and news related to regulatory changes made by the Saudi Standards and Quality Authority. This includes information on products intended for sale in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Al-Qasabi was given an extension to his position as governor of Saudi Standards for 4 years

Tabseer Company would like to extend its congratulations to His Excellency Dr. Saad bin Othman Al-Qasabi on his excellent rank for four years, following the extension of his service as Governor of the Saudi Standards, Metrology, and Quality Organization. His Excellency expressed his gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and His Highness the Crown Prince, Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, after the royal order was issued extending his assignment.

This decision is a result of the tremendous efforts of Dr. Al-Qasabi over the years in developing and achieving the objectives of the strategic plan of the Saudi Standards, Metrology, and Quality Organization. He has made significant improvements to the Saber electronic platform, ensuring that all registrations are completed with the highest standards of efficiency and speed. These improvements are in line with the Kingdom's 2030 vision for digital transformation and serve the local economy.



Saudi Standards ranks among the top 20 government agencies in adopting emerging technologies.



The Standards, Metrology, and Quality Authority has been recognized as one of the top 20 government agencies capable of adopting emerging technologies. This recognition was given during the third edition of the "LEAP" technical conference, where the authority was awarded two honors that highlight its excellence and leadership in the fields of innovation, technology, and information technology.

The second award was given to the Authority for being a leading entity in reusing its software. This reflects its strong commitment to developing sustainable technologies of high quality, which underscores its dedication to digital transformation and the development of a modern and advanced technical environment.

"Saudi Standards" launches the mobile periodic technical inspection service



The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization launched the mobile periodic technical inspection service, through one of the companies licensed by the authority to provide this type of service, as part of a strategy to develop the quality of periodic technical inspection services and improve the beneficiaries' journey, as (16) mobile stations were licensed.

The authority explained that the mobile periodic technical inspection service aims to facilitate fleet owners' access to the service, facilitate access to the service within areas not covered by fixed inspection centres, and the possibility of its movement to cover more than one location.

The Standardization Organization participates in the 59th meeting of the Arab Higher Committee for Standardization in Rabat

The Gulf Cooperation Council Standardization Organization participated in the 59th meeting of the Arab Higher Committee for Standardization. The committee is affiliated with the Arab Organization for Industrial Development, Standardization and Mining. The meeting took place at the organization's headquarters in Rabat, the capital of the Kingdom of Morocco. The event was held over two days, from February 29 to March 1, 2024. Member states and some regional and international organizations participated in the meeting.

During the two-day meeting, the participants discussed following up on the recommendations made during the 58th meeting of the Arab Higher Committee for Standardization. They also discussed the report of the fifth meeting of the General Committee for Arab Standardization, the report of the twelfth meeting of the Arab Committee for Conformity Assessment, and the report of the seventeenth meeting of the Committee to follow up on the implementation of the Arab Strategy for Standardization and Quality.

Other topics discussed at the meeting included the implementation of the recommendations made during the ninth meeting of the Permanent Committee for Arab Building Codes, the Arab Halal Program, and the Arab Quality Award. Participants also discussed the coordination of the Arab position in regional and international meetings and forums, as well as the European Union legislation on the Carbon Border Amendment (CBAM).



Signing cooperation agreements between the Gulf Standardization Organization and the Yemeni Organization for Standardization and Metrology

The Gulf Cooperation Council Standardization Organization and the Yemeni Organization for Standardization, Metrology and Quality Control have signed two agreements aimed at providing services for the issuance of energy efficiency cards and the development and operation of an online store for publishing and selling standard specifications.

The first agreement aims to facilitate access to Yemeni, Gulf, and International Organization for Standardization (ISO) specifications. This will be achieved by developing and operating an electronic store that will publish and sell standard specifications. This will ensure that beneficiaries can easily and quickly access the required specifications.

The second agreement aims to provide services for operating and developing the issuance of energy efficiency cards. This will contribute to economic, environmental, and societal sustainability by rationalizing energy consumption, reducing costs, and protecting the environment.

The Gulf Standardization Organization participates in celebrating Arab Standardization Day 2024

The GCC Standardization Organization joined other Arab standardization bodies in celebrating Arab Standardization Day on March 25th. This year's theme is "Standardization for a prosperous economy and a vibrant and sustainable society." Saud bin Nasser Al-Khasibi, Chairman of the Standardization Authority, emphasized that implementing standardization activities and requirements leads to higher-quality goods, products, and services. It promotes competition between producers and manufacturers and protects members of society by ensuring the safety and quality of goods, products, and services.

Global praise for the Kingdom's efforts to implement the "Fasah within Two Hours" initiative

The Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority implemented the "clearance -Fasah- within two hours" initiative in all its land, sea and air customs ports, to make the Kingdom a global logistics platform. The World Customs Organization praised the Kingdom's efforts and published a detailed report reviewing the stages of implementing the initiative and digital transformation efforts. The report highlighted that 5 years ago, clearing imported shipments through ports in the Kingdom was a long process that could take importers up to 12 days, and on average 8 days. This confirms the efforts of the Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority in facilitating customs procedures.

