



# 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.

## The virtual workshop of Tabseer discusses the requirements of the SQM for detergents

On May 2024 ,28, Tabseer organized a virtual workshop on the requirements for obtaining the Saudi Quality Mark for detergent products. The workshop covered various topics including the role of the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization in granting the Saudi Quality Mark, the role of Tabseer Company as an accredited body to the Authority, and its geographical scope. Additionally, the workshop introduced the Saudi Quality Mark, its features and requirements, and discussed the customer's journey to obtain it, along with audit visits to factories and the challenges facing them.



## "Saudi Standards" adopts 119 standard specifications and 540 standard specifications

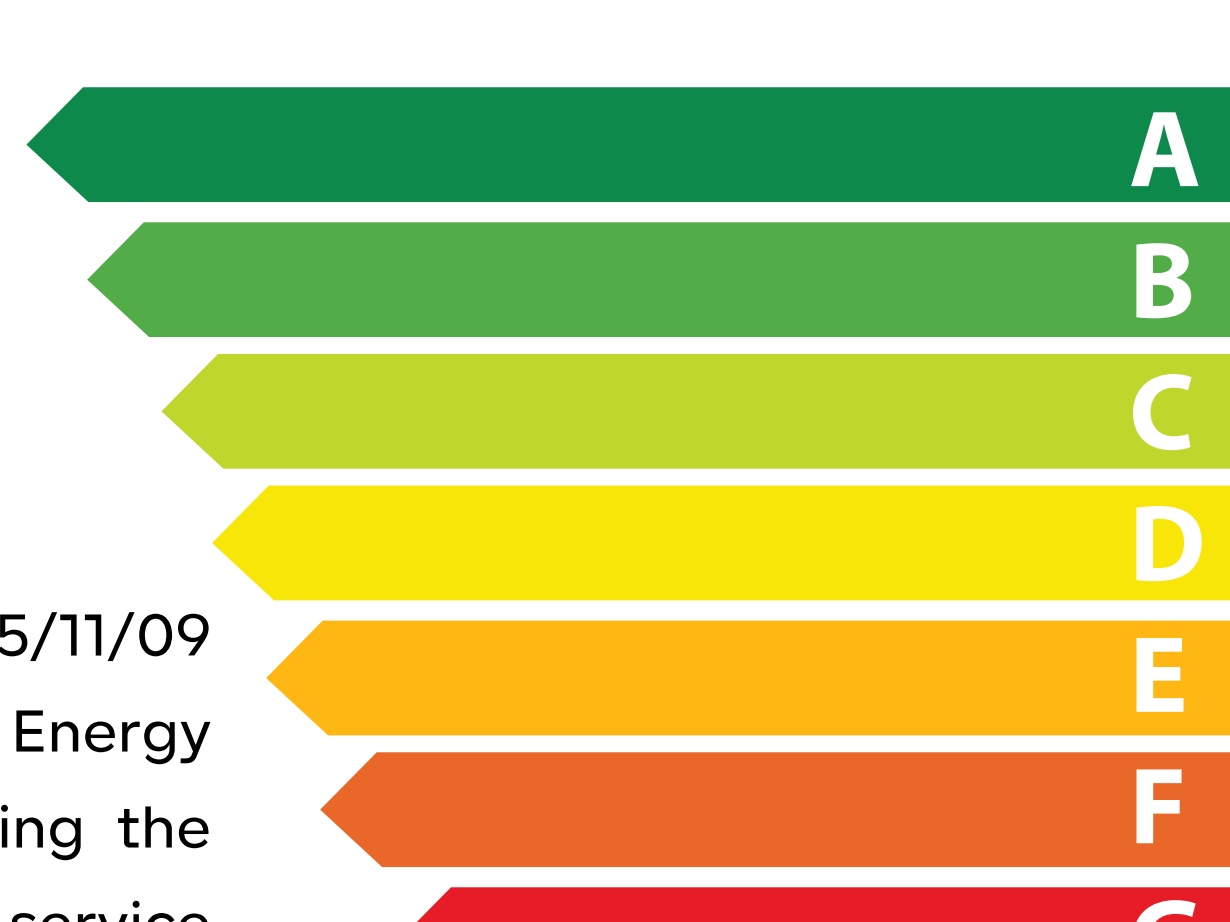
At its meeting No. (2024/46/01) on March 2024 ,24 AD, the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization decided to adopt approximately 119 Saudi standard specifications and 540 standard specifications in the following sectors:

- Chemical and petroleum specifications sector
- Electrical and electronic specifications sector
- Measures and scales specifications sector
- Construction and building materials specifications sector
- Services specifications sector



## the licensing regulations updating were approved for energy efficiency service providers

During its meeting No. (2024-01-03) dated 1445/11/09 AH, the Board of Directors of the Saudi Energy Efficiency Center decided to approve updating the licensing regulations for energy efficiency service providers.



## SASO approves the update of (17) Saudi standards



The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization decided during its 182nd meeting on 1445/7/11 AH, to approve the update of 17 Saudi standards adopted in their language from international and American standards, including 4 standard specifications adopted from the standards of the International Electrotechnical Commission IEC, two standards adopted by the International Organization for Standardization ISO, and 11 standards adopted by the American Society for Testing and Materials ASTM, in the following sectors:

- Electrical and electronic specifications sector
- Measures and scales specifications sector
- Construction and building materials specifications sector

## The Standardization Organization approves 17 Gulf technical regulations for several goods and products



products in different sectors. Additionally, the committee has approved the withdrawal of two draft Gulf technical regulations. The committee has also approved the conversion of 39 Gulf technical regulations into Gulf standard specifications.

The Ministerial Committee for Standardization Affairs for the Gulf Cooperation Council countries has approved 17 new draft Gulf technical regulations for various goods and

## The GSO organizes the second symposium for standardization ambassadors

The Gulf Standardization Organization held the second symposium for standardization ambassadors with the theme "The Role of Standardization in Consumer Safety" at its headquarters in the Diplomatic Quarter in Riyadh on May 2024 ,20 AD. The symposium coincided with the Authority's annual celebration of World Metrology Day, which takes place on May 20 each year, and this year's theme was "We measure today for a sustainable tomorrow."

The symposium aimed to promote the importance of standardization and raise awareness about it. It also aimed to enhance knowledge in various standardization fields and improve communication with standardization ambassadors to achieve set objectives. Additionally, a celebration was held to mark World Metrology Day 2024 alongside the symposium.

## Saudi Standards hosts the first edition of Arab Technical Committees Week



The Arab Technical Committees Week for Standardization, in its first edition, was hosted by the Saudi Standards, Metrology, and Quality Organization in Riyadh from May 12 to 2024 ,16 AD. The event was inaugurated by Engineer Omar bin Abdulaziz Al-Quwaiz, the Deputy Governor of the Authority for Standardization and Calibration, and saw

wide participation from representatives of Arab countries. Throughout the week, several technical meetings were held to discuss topics related to approving draft unified Arab standards and approving the plans of the technical committee secretariats.

## Ta'akad Application verifies products that have obtained the SQM

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Authority has confirmed that the Ta'akad Application, developed in partnership with the Saudi Energy Efficiency Center, allows consumers and residents to verify the quality mark, biodegradable plastic products, and energy efficiency label stickers for electrical products such as air conditioners, washing machines, refrigerators, heaters, dryers, vehicles, lighting, water rationalization, and measuring tools.

The authority added that the Ta'akad Application enables users to verify the validity of the quality mark, review products that have obtained the quality mark, submit a commercial report upon the expiration of the license period to use the mark and verify information about energy efficiency cards for appliances and tyres, as well as the fuel economy card. Additionally, users can compare products for similarity in energy efficiency, cooling capacity, annual consumption, and electrical input capacity, ensuring conformity to Saudi specifications.

The Saudi Food and Drug Authority has developed a comprehensive plan to ensure the safety and quality of food, medicines, and medical products for pilgrims during the Hajj season of 1445 AH. This is part of the government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's efforts to utilize all resources and provide the best services to the guests of the Holy House of Allah.

The Food and Drug Administration will be present at air, land, and sea ports of entry for pilgrims to conduct inspections and controls on the products under its supervision. They will also inspect food, drug, and medical device facilities in the areas of the Holy Capital and Medina, as well as ration kitchens and seasonal medical headquarters for pilgrims' affairs offices.



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