

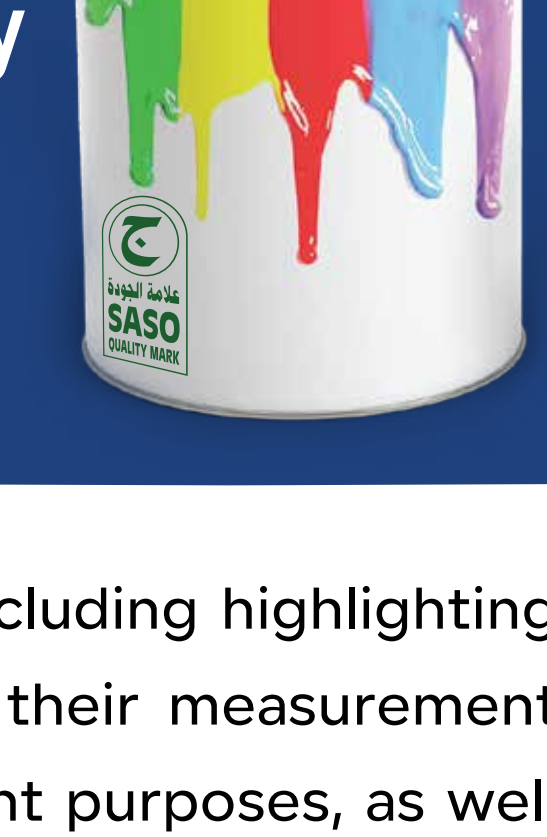
## The Monthly Newsletter

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Tabseer Company recently conducted a virtual workshop on the prerequisites for securing the Saudi Quality Mark for paint products. The event took place on Monday, July 2024 ,29 AD - Muharram 1445 ,23 AH.

### Tabseer successfully conducted a workshop on SQM for paint products



Discussions during the workshop covered various essential points, including highlighting the significance of quality paints, elucidating quality standards and their measurement techniques, offering guidance on selecting suitable paints for different purposes, as well as outlining the prerequisites for companies and factories to attain the Saudi Quality Mark. Moreover, the workshop delved into the benefits of obtaining the quality mark and its implementation in the quality system for institutions and companies.

### A cooperation protocol between Tabseer Tech and the Food Safety and Development Center

Tabseer Tech, an inspection body, has signed a cooperation protocol with the Food Safety and Development Center in Egypt. The signing took place in the presence of Engineer Imad Issa, General Manager of Tabseer Tech, and Dr. Islam Noman, Director of the Center.

Through this protocol, Tabseer Tech will benefit from conducting advanced and comprehensive tests for food products in the fastest time to guarantee the highest standards of quality and safety. The centre is a pioneer in the field of water and food analysis, heavy metals, and pesticide residues in food, commodities, and supplies. Additionally, the centre is accredited by the National Accreditation Center (EGAC).

The protocol pursues to achieve several vital goals, including raising quality standards, ensuring food safety, and supporting innovation and development in the field of safety.



### On January 2025 ,1, AD, port types for smartphone chargers and electronic devices will be standardized



The Saudi Standards, Metrology, and Quality Organization has announced an update regarding the implementation date of the decision to standardize charger ports for smartphones and electronic devices. Starting from January 2025 ,1 AD, the updated specifications will be applied to all new orders for products such as mice, keyboards, single and multiple speakers, high-speed video cameras, high-speed digital cameras for still images, radiation-resistant or durable video cameras, radiation-resistant or tolerant digital still image cameras, night vision video cameras, night vision still image digital cameras, positioning devices, and routers.

All valid certificates of conformity issued before this date will be reviewed to ensure compliance with the new specifications, and proof of this review must be attached to the technical file for each certificate of conformity issued through the Saber electronic platform. Authorities are required to provide the organization with a list of valid certificates of conformity that have not changed their status, starting from January 2025 ,1 AD, until they are cancelled and the issuance of consignment certificates for them is stopped.

Random samples will be drawn through the Saber platform, starting from January 2025 ,1 AD, to verify compliance with the new requirements, and the organization will take necessary legal measures against non-compliant entities.

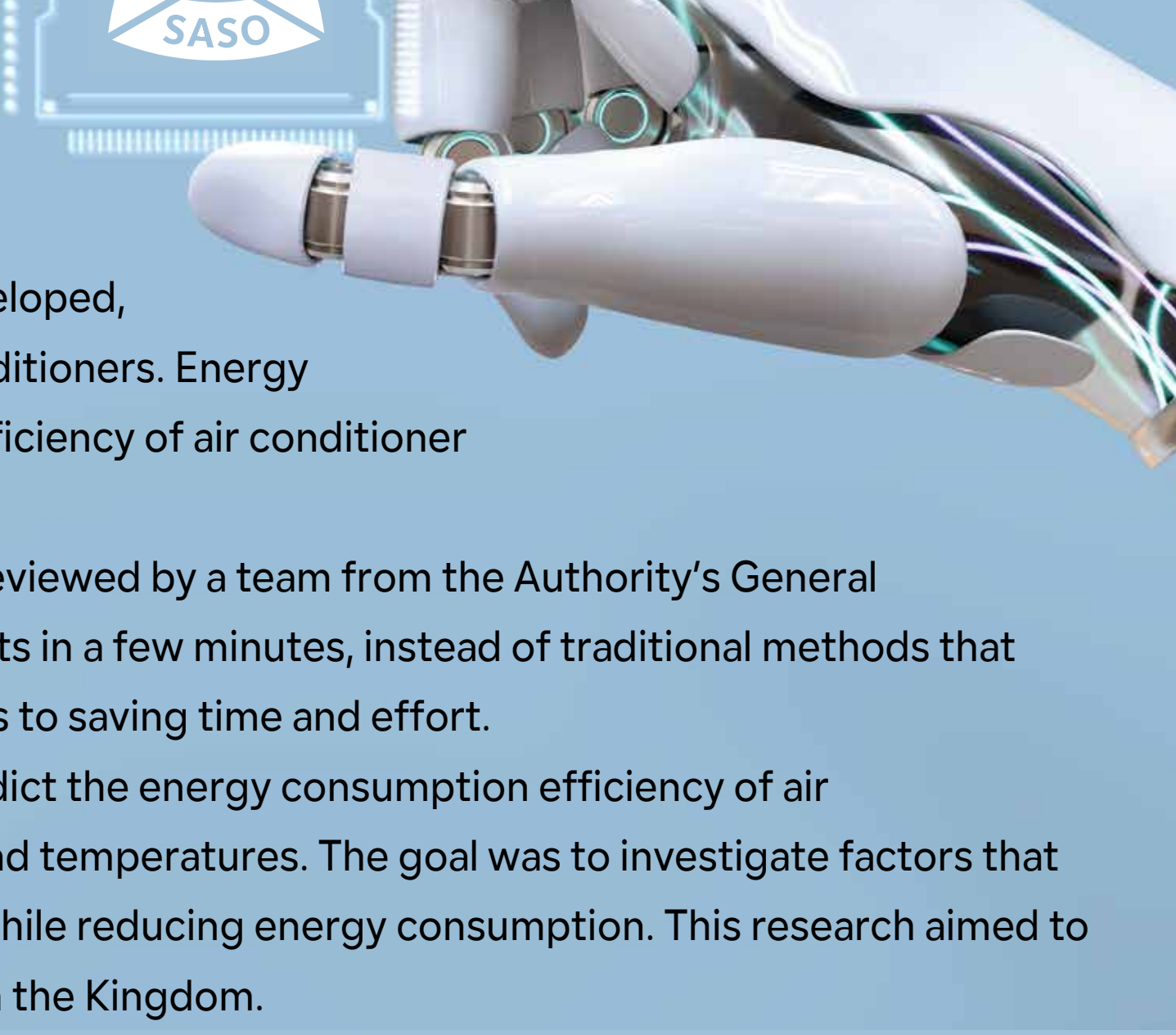
### "Saudi Standards" participates in the 20th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization participated in the "Twentieth International Conference on Artificial Intelligence: Applications and Innovations" held in Greece, with "Simulating Energy Efficiency Tests for Air Conditioners Using Artificial Intelligence," research, where the artificial intelligence model "ANS" (ANNS) was developed,

which simulates energy efficiency and tests for air conditioners. Energy efficiency of air conditioners and predicting the efficiency of air conditioner performance before testing in the laboratory.

The "Ans" artificial intelligence model, which was reviewed by a team from the Authority's General Department of Laboratories, helps verify test results in a few minutes, instead of traditional methods that may take days to repeat the test, which contributes to saving time and effort.

The artificial intelligence model was utilized to predict the energy consumption efficiency of air conditioners under various operating conditions and temperatures. The goal was to investigate factors that could enhance the air conditioner's performance while reducing energy consumption. This research aimed to develop products and improve energy efficiency in the Kingdom.



### "Saudi Standards" registers 800,000 products through the Saber platform during the first half of 2024.



The Saudi Standards, Metrology, and Quality Organization registered over 800,000 products on the Saber electronic platform during the first half of 2024 AD. The number of conformity certificates exceeded 160,000, along with more than 350,000 consignment certificates. Additionally, over 7,000 merchants are registered on the platform.

The Saber platform provides a unique experience for suppliers and manufacturers by allowing them to register their facilities and consumer products, whether imported or manufactured locally, to obtain the required certificates from the country of origin. This helps to facilitate and expedite the procedures for products to enter the Saudi market and ensures their safety for the consumer.

## المواصفات السعودية Saudi Standards



### The Saudi Standards launches the developed platform for technical inspection services

The Saudi Standards, Metrology, and Quality Organization has launched an advanced platform to provide periodic technical inspection services. This initiative aims to improve the user experience in obtaining these services and offer a more convenient and secure process.

The new platform offers several benefits and services to users. These include the ability to manage all their vehicles through a single account, book multiple appointments, and make changes or cancellations as needed. Additionally, the platform provides more secure services, as access requires a secure login by linking to the national unified access system and storing vehicle information for future operations.

### The Food and Drug Administration sets the record straight on which products need approval before hitting the market



The Food and Drug Authority has confirmed that it is necessary to obtain approval before announcing products under its supervision to ensure their safety and preserve public health. Medical devices and supplies, pesticides, feed, food products, and non-prescription medicines cannot be advertised without the Authority's approval and compliance with the specified conditions and controls for advertising these products through the media.

The Authority has established certain conditions and controls for advertising these products. These include getting approval from the Authority for any claims in the advertisement, ensuring that the advertisement does not discredit or affect other products, registering or listing the product with the Authority, and avoiding any misleading statements in the advertisement for the consumer.

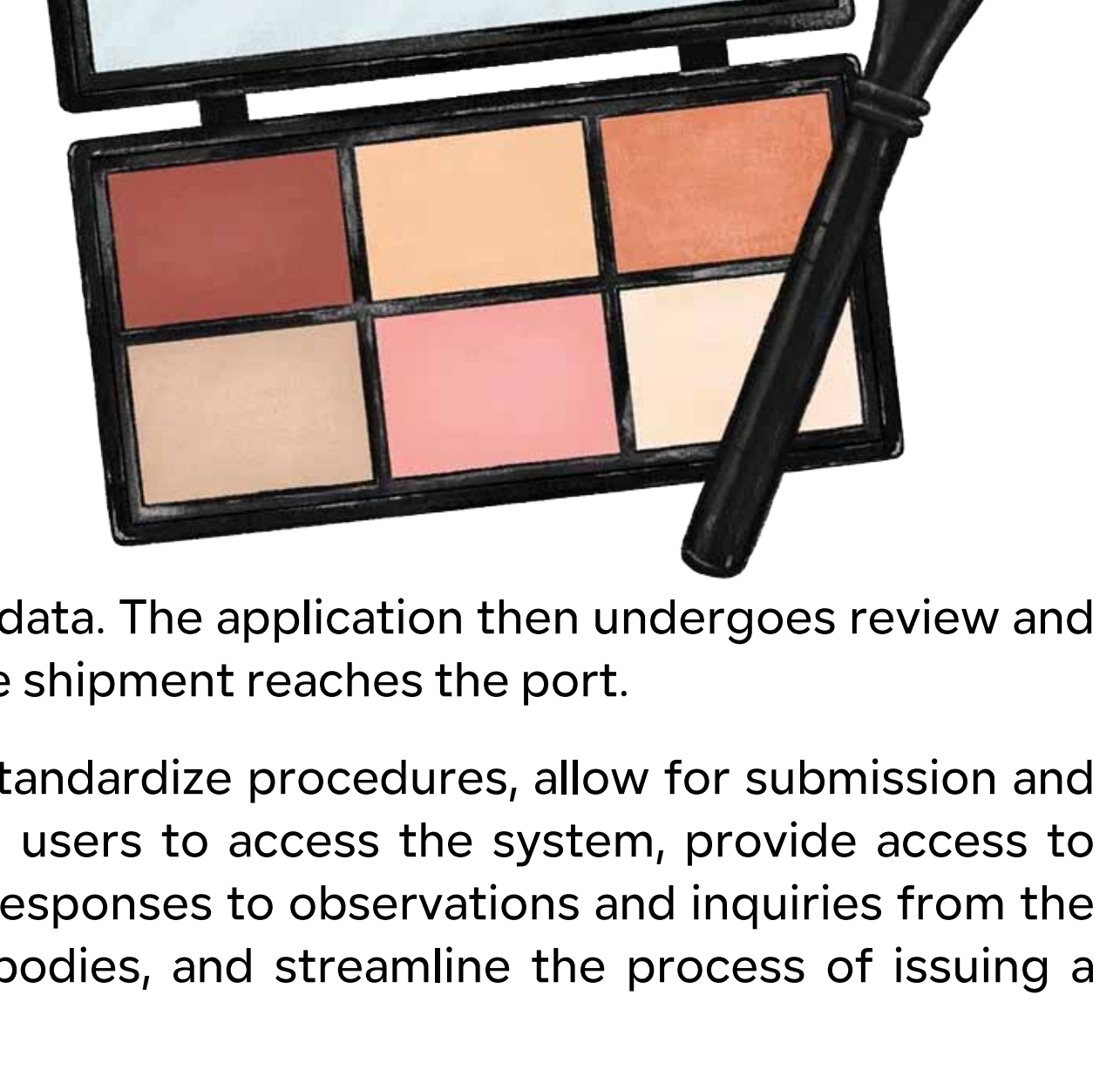
### "Food and Medicine": Conformity certificate issuance for cosmetics in the country of shipment.



The Saudi Food and Drug Authority has confirmed that it is possible to issue a certificate of conformity for shipments from the country of origin using the "Cosmetic Products Clearance" system. This is to improve the importing process by automating the appointment of conformity companies and electronically submitting clearance requests to speed up the process of clearing cosmetic product shipments.

The importer's process includes registering the products and obtaining necessary licenses from the "Ghad" system at ghad.sfda.gov.sa. Subsequently, they log in to the clearance services system, select the cosmetic products, and fill out the required data. The application then undergoes review and clearance procedures at the authority before the shipment reaches the port.

The service provided by the authority aims to standardize procedures, allow for submission and tracking of clearance requests, enable multiple users to access the system, provide access to more conformity assessment bodies, allow for users to access observations and inquiries from the conformity assessment and central clearance bodies, and streamline the process of issuing a consignment conformity certificate.



### Zakat, Tax and Customs" is making updates" to the controls for exempting returned goods from customs duties

The Zakat, Tax, and Customs Authority has updated the rules for exempting returned goods from customs duties. The changes include updating the requirements for exempting returned goods and improving customs procedures for goods that are temporarily exported for manufacturing or repair abroad.

One of the updates is the possibility of seeking an exemption before the goods leave the customs office,

which aims to simplify the exemption process and address any difficulties that customers may encounter when temporarily exporting goods for manufacturing or repair.

Another update is the removal of value restrictions for returned goods. This means that an exemption request can now be made for all returned goods, regardless of their value, through the Unified Customs System and its executive regulations.

