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The Monthly Newsletter

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Tabseer Successfully Discussed the Requirements for the Saudi Quality Mark for Cement and Ready-Mixed Concrete through a Virtual Workshop

Tabseer held a virtual workshop on the requirements to obtain the Saudi Quality Mark for Cement and Ready-Mixed Concrete, on Monday, September 2024 ,30.

The topics of discussion in the workshop covered several points, including an introduction to the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization and its role, introducing Tabseer as a conformity assessment body approved by the Authority, in addition to introducing the Saudi quality mark and its requirements and discussing the buyer's journey with Tabseer to obtain the Saudi Quality Mark for Cement and Ready-Mixed Concrete.

Tabseer Proudly Took Part in the Food Exporters Conference

Tabseer Tech Certification Proudly Took Part in the Food Exporters Conference which was organized by the Export Council for Food Industries in Cairo. The conference was attended by Eng. Fathy Ghali, Business Development Manager, Tabseer Branch - Egypt, and Ms. Shahinda Mohamed, Sales Manager.

During the Conference, Tabseer highlighted its pivotal role in issuing certificates of conformity for food products under the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA). The conference also Put forward key recommendations to support the food industries, enhance their competitiveness in the global market, strengthen international trade, and overcome obstacles that they face in the target market.

Tebseer Congratulates Egypt on Winning the ISO Presidency!

The Arab Republic of Egypt won the presidency of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) during the period from 2028-2026. On this occasion, Tabseer extends its sincere congratulations to His Excellency Major General Dr. Khaled Hassan Sufi, Chairman of the Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality (EOS), for this remarkable achievement!

This historic milestone was announced during the elections of the General Assembly of the Organization, which took place on the sidelines of the ISO annual 2024 meeting held in Colombia, where Egypt is the first Arab country to nominate and win this position. Not to mention, The United Arab Emirates, won membership of the ISO Board of Directors represented by Her Excellency Dr. Farah Al Zarouni, Assistant Undersecretary for the Standards and Regulations Sector at the Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology.

SASO has approved Technical Regulations for Special-Use Vehicle Equipment and Accessories

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) decided during its meeting No. (201), held on 2024/6/27, to adopt the Technical Regulation for Special-Use Vehicle Equipment and Accessories

This Technical Regulation for Special-Use Vehicle Equipment and Accessories outlines the requirements for the design and manufacture of these products according to the definitions provided within the regulation. It aims to establish the fundamental criteria for the Special-Use Vehicle Equipment and Accessories covered by this regulation. Additionally, it determines the conformity assessment procedures that suppliers and operators shall adhere to, ensuring product compliance and safeguarding the health and safety of road users.

SASO has approved Technical Regulation for Communications and Information Technology Devices

During its meeting No. (196), held on 2023/12/28, the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization has approved the Technical Regulation for Communications and Information Technology Devices.

The provisions of this technical regulation apply to all Communications and Information Technology Devices, excluding those used by military and security authorities. This technical regulation aims to determine the basic requirements and technical requirements for Communications and Information Technology Devices, subject to the provisions of this technical regulation. Moreover, it emphasizes the conformity assessment procedures that suppliers shall follow to ensure compliance with these basic requirements, aiming to save the environment and the consumer's health.

Furthermore, it ensures compliance with the technical requirements specified in the standard specifications, contributing to protecting the spectrum from harmful wireless interference and compatibility with public

Communications networks.Moreover, it verifies that all regulatory requirements set by the competent authority are met before importing and using these devices.

SASO has issued new updates to the technical regulations in SABER

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization has announced a series of updates to the list of customs items that will be amended on the Saber electronic platform.

These items will be subjected to the technical regulations within 30 days from 2024/9/12, including:

- Technical Regulation for Lubricating Oils.
- Technical Regulation for Machinery Safety – Part 3: Lifting Equipment.
- Technical Regulation for Building Materials: Part Four – Bricks, Tiles, Ceramics, Sanitary Ware, and Related Products.

Saudi Standards published the guideline for the Technical Regulation for Food Safety in Tools and Appliances Used in Kitchen.

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Saudi Standards

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization have published the guideline for the Technical Regulation for Food Safety in Tools and Appliances Used in Kitchen on its official website.

This guideline comprises the requirements of the regulation, the products included, and how to obtain the certificate of conformity for these products.

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اللائحة الفنية للسلامة الغذائية في الأدوات والأجهزة المستخدمة في المطبخ

The Governor of Saudi Standards Thanks Leadership for Approving the Modernization of the Measurement and Calibration System

His Excellency the Governor of the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization, Dr. Saad bin Othman Al-Qasabi, expressed his deepest appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and to the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud on the occasion of the issuance of the Council of Ministers' decision to approve the new measurement and calibration system.

Dr. Al-Qasabi highlighted the significant support given by the wise leadership to the measurement and calibration system as one of the pivotal elements in the national quality infrastructure in the Kingdom.

He also emphasized that the modernization of the system not only enhances the legislative environment in the Kingdom but also represents a qualitative transformation by ensuring a high level of accuracy and reliability. This advancement contributes to supporting national industries, enhancing national investments, and improving competitiveness and quality in the local market.

Zakat, Tax, and Customs Issues Financial Interview Document for Customs Services Provided at Its Outlets

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Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority

The Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA) has announced the adoption of a resolution by its Board of Directors on the financial interview document for customs services. This document includes the financial interviews for customs services offered by the Authority, along with the conditions for their implementation.

The decision will be implemented on October 2024 ,6, including the abolition of financial remuneration for customs services related to exports and the introduction of a new methodology for calculating the financial remuneration for imports. Under this new approach, the fee for processing the customs declaration of imported goods will be set at %0.15 of the value of the goods received.

«GSO» Congratulates the UAE on Winning the Membership of the ISO

Eng. Nawaf Al-Mana, Chairman of the Gulf Standardization Organization (GSO) congratulated the UAE on winning membership of the Board of Directors of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) for the period (2027-2025), noting that the win reflects the continuous development of the UAE in the field of standardization and quality at the national, regional and international levels.

The United Arab Emirates, represented by Her Excellency Dr. Farah Al Zarouni, Assistant Undersecretary for the Standards and Regulations Sector at the Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology, won the membership of the Board of Directors of the International Organization for Standardization ISO for the period (2027-2025) for the third group, during the elections held during the organization's annual meeting in Cartagena, Colombia, from September ,13-9 2024.

On September 2024 ,1, the Gulf Technical Committees and Working Groups kicked up a week of events in Riyadh City.

The Gulf Technical Committees and Working Groups organized a week of events to review and discuss a variety of Gulf technical standards and regulations for various sectors. The event took place at the Gulf Standardization Organization (GSO) headquarters in Riyadh in early September and lasted five days.

This event included 25 meetings in which over 320 experts from GSO member states' national standardization bodies participated, either physically or virtually via visual communication technology, for a number of Gulf standards technical committees covering a wide range of sectors including chemistry and textiles, mechanics, electricity, metrology, food and agriculture, building and construction, oil and gas, information, health, and management systems.

Furthermore, this week's activities comprise meetings of the Gulf conformity teams, including the Work Team for the Gulf Technical Regulation for Low Voltage Electrical Equipment & appliances, Machinery, Electromagnetic Compatibility, and also for Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical Equipment and Appliances.

الهيئة العامة للغذاء والدواء
Saudi Food & Drug Authority

The Initiative of Applying Clearance Conditions to Cosmetic Products Invoices

The Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) has issued a circular emphasizing the importance of adhering to the conditions for the clearance of cosmetic products and their raw materials. The circular stipulates that invoices submitted in clearance requests must include the batch number, batch number, or production date. This requirement applies to cosmetic product invoices starting from 2024/19/9 AD.

SFDA Publishes Update on Services and Guidelines to Streamline Monitoring of Product Procedures and Requirements

The Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) has released an updated version of the "Manual of Controls and Requirements for Listing Cosmetic Products," aiming to enhance customer awareness of the procedures and clarify the requirements for product listing.

The update includes improvements to accessibility for circulars on beauty products and their ingredient lists, as well as updates to the required documentation for creating an account and listing products within the unified electronic system "GHAD". The product listing mechanism and the responsibilities of the product lister have also been developed to streamline the process.

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Saudi Food & Drug Authority

The Food and Drug Administration Organizes a Training Program for the Countries of the Near East Region in the Field of International Food Standards

The Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) organized a training program for members of the Coordinating Committee of the Near East States of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CODEX), in the presence of representatives from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the General Secretariat of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

The training program aims to promote the effective participation of the members of the Committee in the countries of the region in the activities and events of the Codex Alimentarius Commission in the field of food standards, which are prepared based on the scientific method, and risk assessment to ensure food safety.