

FAQS ABOUT SAUDI SALEEM PROGRAMME

1. What does SASO stand for for?

SASO is an acronym for the "Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO)" that was established pursuant to the Royal Decree No. M/10 dated 03/03/1392 H and headed by his Excellency, Ministry of Commerce (MoC). The responsibility of SASO is concerned with generation of Standards and disseminating a culture of quality and standardization in all industrial and service activities within the KSA. SASO is also a member of Gulf Standardization Organization (GSO).

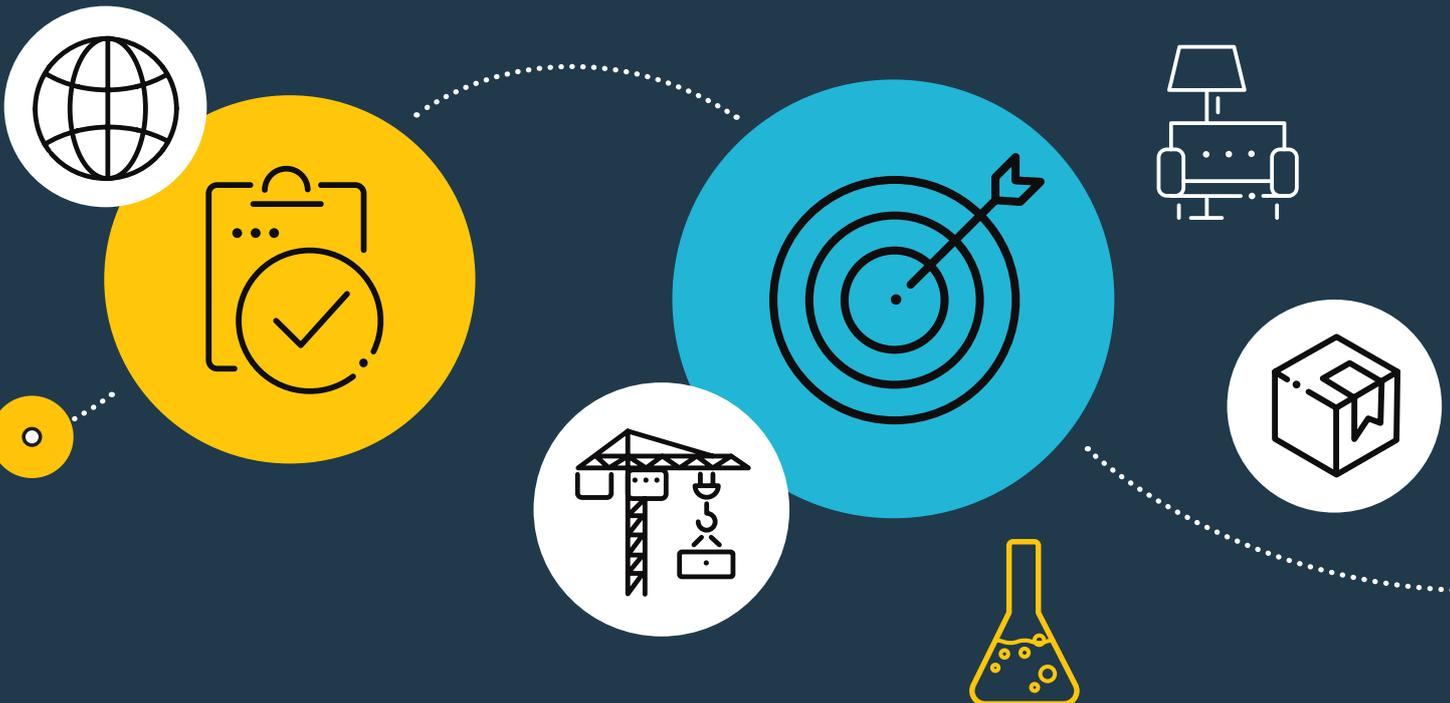
2. What is SALEEM?

The Arabic term SALEEM has been used to refer to the Saudi Product Safety Programme for regulating high risk products imported into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This new Saudi Product Safety Programme aims to ensure that goods and products imported into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) meet the highest level of safety standards thereby promoting consumers' safety, environmental protection and energy conservation.

To facilitate the Saudi Product Safety Programme, SASO has issued Technical Regulations (TRs) for certain products based on their nature, application, safety and performance aspects and has appointed Certification Bodies to enforce these requirements in the Country of Supply.

3. What is meant by a Technical Regulation in the context of the Saudi Product Safety Programme?

A Technical Regulation (TR) is a document approved by the Board of Directors of SASO that guides concerned stakeholders regarding the technical requirements, methods of testing and the applicable administrative provisions to be complied with for a group of high or medium risk products. This document also includes legal clauses that empower the Regulatory Bodies and Market Surveillance Authorities to continuously assess the Regulated Products that are shipped to the KSA. Furthermore, SASO notifies the World Trade Organization (WTO) while at the same time, meets the requirements laid out by the Islamic Sharia law prior to publishing the Technical Regulations.



4. What is SABER?

SABER is an electronic platform that is designed by SASO for facilitating the online certification of Products and Shipments under the Saudi Product Safety Programme. Furthermore, this online system serves as the central online repository for all data related to the Saudi Product Safety Programme. The SABER system is also integrated with KSA Customs, GSO GCTS Database, JEEM portal, MoC, SLS and other KSA authorities.

SABER Platform can be accessed using the below link:

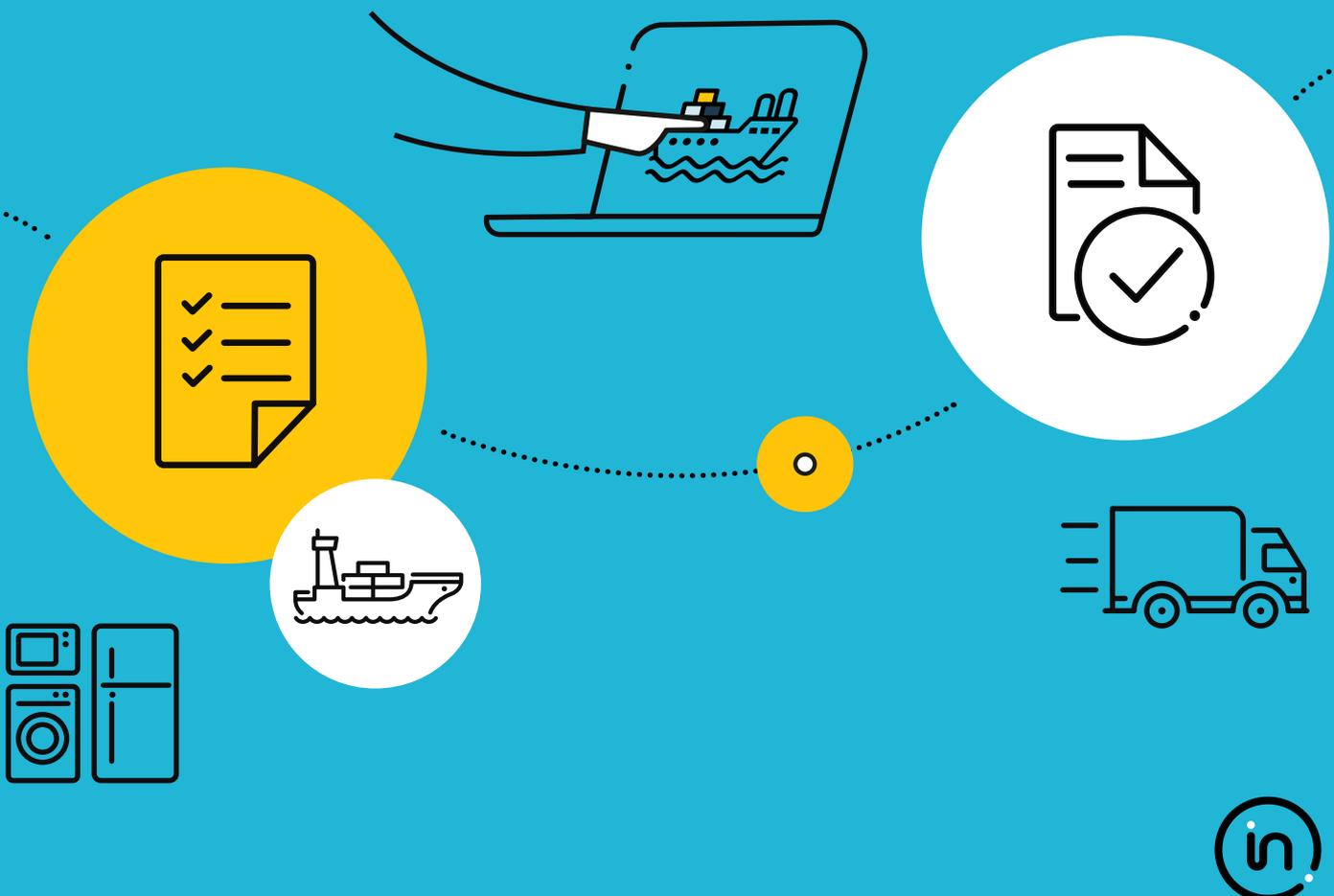
<https://saber.sa/>

5. What is Product Certification?

Product Certification is the process of conformity assessment to a defined certification scheme carried out by an impartial third-party certification body to certify that a certain product has passed the quality assurance tests and meets the necessary qualification criteria as stipulated in national, regional or international standards. Compliant products are issued with a Product Certificate of Conformity (Product CoC). Product certification is carried out by CBs which are accredited to the ISO/IEC 17065 Standard.

6. What is meant by a Shipment Certificate of Conformity?

A Shipment Certificate of Conformity (Shipment CoC) is issued to the shipment which includes products that have been issued with Product Certificate of Conformity (Product CoC). The Shipment CoC demonstrates that the goods being exported comply with the relevant Technical Regulations and National, Regional or International Standards of the country of import thereby protecting consumers from potential dangers to their health, safety and environment on account of substandard imported products placed in their marketplace. The Shipment CoC is a mandatory document which is necessary for KSA Customs clearance.



7. What is a G-Mark?

The G-Mark or GSO Marking is a mandatory marking requirement enforced by the Gulf Standardization Organization (GSO), for Low Voltage Electrical Products and Children's Toys being exported to the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Countries. This is defined within the Low Voltage Technical Regulation, BD-142004-01 and Gulf Toy Technical Regulation (GTTR), BD-131704-01. The G-Mark is commonly represented by the G-Mark symbol



8. Are G-Mark products regulated under the Saudi Product Safety Programme?

Yes, products under the scope of GSO Technical Regulation for Low Voltage Electrical Equipment and Toys are regulated under the Saudi Product Safety Programme.

9. What is the SASO IECEE Recognition Certificate (SIRC)?

The SIRC is a Recognition Certificate issued by SASO for certain Regulated Products based on:

- A valid IECEE Test Report issued under the IECEE CB scheme by IECEE CB Testing Laboratory and
- A valid IECEE CB Certificate issued by a National Certification Body (NCB).

This SIRC is a mandatory pre-requisite Certificate to obtain the Product CoC and Shipment CoC which are required for clearance of the Shipment by KSA Customs at the Ports and Borders.



10. Are products that require SASO IECEE Recognition Certificate regulated under the Saudi Product Safety Programme??

Yes, products under SIRC are regulated under the Saudi Product Safety Programme.

11. Are Cosmetic and Perfumery Products covered under the SASO Technical Regulation?

Cosmetic and Perfumery products fall under SFDA jurisdiction and hence are not covered under the SASO Technical Regulation..

12. What is the SASO Energy Efficiency Certificate?

SASO has developed an Energy Efficiency (EE) Programme to regulate the energy consumption for certain products. After passing the applicable performance and energy efficiency tests laid out in the applicable standards, these products are issued with the SASO Energy Efficiency Certificate and Label. This SASO energy efficiency programme is technically similar to other EE programmes run in other countries and regions.

13. How to apply for Energy Efficiency Certificate and Label?

The EER Certificate and Labelling is provided only by SASO. Clients can register their products for the EER Certificate and Label on the Saudi Label and Standard (SLS) website.

Alternatively, Intertek can facilitate the issuance of the EER Certificate and Label by SASO for a nominal Fee.



14. Do products falling under EER also require other certification aside from the EE Label/certification?

Yes, some products falling under EER may also require to comply with SIRC and G-Mark type certification. For example:

- Lighting Products have to comply with EE Requirements as per SASO 2870 or SASO 2902 or SASO 2927 and are also required to be issued with the SIRC or IECEE Certificate by having the product tested as per applicable IEC safety Standards.
- ACs need to comply with SASO 2663 for the EE Certificate and are also required to be issued with the G-mark type certificate.

For additional assistance on EER Certification, please contact your local Intertek GTS Office. product(s)/shipment(s)..

15. What is the SASO Quality Mark (QM)?

The SASO Quality Mark (QM) is awarded by SASO for any product that is able to demonstrate compliance to the applicable SASO Technical Regulation under the Type 5 product certification scheme which aside from the type testing would also require a successful initial and periodic audits (including management system audits) of the product's manufacturing facility to demonstrate the continuous compliance of the product.

16. Do all products require SASO QM??

No. The SASO QM is mandatory for certain Regulated Products only. For all other Regulated Products, the SASO QM

17. How can Applicants obtain the SASO QM License for their products??

Applicants can obtain the SASO QM License for their products by applying on SASO's JEEM website. SASO transfers the request to one of the Authorized Certification Bodies such as Intertek to carry out the evaluation process and to provide their recommendations for granting the SASO QM Licence. You may contact the nearest Intertek Office for detailed information on the process and requirements to obtain the SASO QM License.



18. Is Intertek authorized to certify regulated products for all the Technical Regulations under the Saudi Product Safety Programme?

Intertek is one of the Certification Bodies (CBs) authorised to issue Product Certificate of Conformity (Product CoC) and Shipment Certificate of Conformity (Shipment CoC) under the Saudi Product Safety Programme. Intertek has been accredited for most of the Technical Regulations for the different geographical regions (Asia and Australia, Europe, North and South America, Middle East and North Africa (MENA)).

19. How can I obtain further information about the Saudi Product Safety Programme?

You can visit Intertek's SALEEM dedicated microsite <http://saleem.export2saudi.com/> for further information on the programme. You may also contact the nearest Intertek Office for detailed information on the programme and for obtaining the certification services under the Saudi Product Safety Programme.

20. Where is Intertek's office in Saudi?

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