



EXPORTER GUIDE TO SAUDI ARABIA SASO PROGRAMME



SASO/SABER VERIFICATION OF CONFORMITY (VOC) PROGRAMME

Saudi Standards Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) has developed conformity assessment programmes to ensure the quality and safety of products imported into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia such as SABER, and SQM. Imported products must comply with Saudi standards and the technical regulations developed by SASO.

The programme aims to protect the health and safety of consumers, as well as the environment, from the risk of substandard, counterfeit and potentially dangerous goods of local and imported products subject to Saudi standards and technical regulation.

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SASO/SABER REGULATED PRODUCTS

The products covered by the Technical Regulations are referred to as Regulated Products. Hereafter is the complete list of regulated products currently subject to the SABER Product Safety Programme:

- > Glue and Adhesive Materials
- > Lifting Equipment
- > Paper and Cardboard
- > Leather Products
- > Used Imported Vehicles
- > Electrical and Electronic Equipment
- > Mobile Machinery and Heavy Duty Equipment
- > Children Toys
- > Rear and Side Barriers for Trucks and Trailers
- > Electrical Equipment and Appliances
- > Lubricating Oils
- > Detergents
- > Paints (Dyes) and Varnishes
- > Electrical Self-Balancing Boards (Scooter)
- > Sectors of Metals and their Alloys for Buildings and Constructions
- > Insulation and Building Cladding Materials
- > Hydraulic Connections and Related Products
- > Bricks, Tiles, Ceramics, Sanitary Ware and Related Products
- > Pipes used in Water, Electricity and Gas Network
- > Gas Appliances and their Accessories
- > Trailers and Semi-Trailers
- > Auto Spare Parts
- > Electric Vehicles
- > Textile Products
- > Amusement parks games and devices
- > Solar Photovoltaic Systems
- > Personal Protective Equipment and Clothing
- > Modified Vehicles and Limited Production Models
- > Food Safety in Tools and Appliances Used in Kitchen
- > Degradable Plastic Products
- > Fireworks



- > Cutting and Sawing Machines
- > Electronic Devices Used in Electronic Smoking Systems
- > Electrical Lifts Used in Buildings and Facilities
- > Fire Control Materials and Equipment
- > Petroleum Products Transportation Tanks
- > LPG Tankers
- > Automated Motorcycles
- > Electrical Batteries
- > Portable and Hand-oriented Machines
- > Doors, windows, and accessories
- > Footwear and their Accessories
- > Telecommunications
- > Jewellery Decorations and Accessories
- > Pressure Equipment
- > Simple Pressure Vessels
- > Packaging
- > Tires
- > Escalators and Moving Walkways
- > Child Restraint Systems and Stroller

Regulated Products are further categorized as either high-risk or medium-risk based on the Product Certification Scheme. Depending on the risk profile of the product in question, additional controls need to be conducted accordingly:

Medium Risk Products:

- > Type 1a: Product testing / Label evaluation

High Risk Products:

- > Type 3: Product testing / Label evaluation / factory audit
- > Type 5: Sampling / Product testing / Label evaluation / factory audit

Or refer to SASO's comprehensive list of regulated products <https://saber.sa/home/regulations>

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DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

- a. **RFC** and SABER Products registration form
- b. Performa or Final Invoice
- c. Supplier declaration of conformity
- d. Risk Assessment documents
- e. Manufacturer's ISO 9001 or equivalent certification
- f. Product photos (markings and labels)
- g. Certificate of origin
- h. Factory audit report (if required)
- i. MIM approval (if required)
- j. Certificate of analysis or Test report from accredited laboratory (ISO 17025)
- k. Material safety data sheet or product data sheet



SASO/SABER CERTIFICATION PROCESS

SASO/SABER aims to avoid the businesses from fraud and ensure that products are free from defects that may affect the health and safety of consumers. It includes a two-stage certification process to export products into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia:

1 - Product Certificate of Conformity (PCOC)

The Product Certificate of Conformity (PCOC) is required to demonstrate that your products have been registered within SABER and are compliant with applicable technical regulations. The PCOC is valid for one year upon issuance.

2 - Shipment Certificate of Conformity (SCOC)

The Shipment Certificate of Conformity (SCOC) cannot be obtained if the PCOC registration has not first been completed. However, an SCOC is required for Customs clearance for each shipment. It is the importer's responsibility to initiate the process of obtaining an SCOC.

Step-by-Step Process

- > The importer enters his company details and the product(s) details on SABER Platform
- > Selection of Cotecna as your preferred Certification Body as per the product type (Type1 or Type3)
- > Cotecna accesses the SABER platform and checks the requests
- > Your dedicated Cotecna coordinator will check your documentation and schedule the testing, and /or factory audit when required
- > Cotecna guides you on the product(s) requirements as per the request raised with respect to the technical regulation upload product(s) conformity documentation on SABER Platform
- > After satisfactory results, Cotecna will issue the product certificate (valid one year)
- > Cotecna will issue the shipment certificate for each of your shipments.



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PRODUCT CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY (PCOC)

As a trusted partner of the Saudi Arabian government, our mandate as a Conformity Body includes one or a combination of the following:

- > Product verification and documentation review
- > Sampling and testing of goods in accredited laboratories (valid for 3 years)
- > Factory audits (Type 3 regulations) audit report valid for 1 year
- > Delivery of a Product Certificate of Conformity (PCOC) upon Technical Regulations

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SHIPMENT CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY (SCOC)

As a trusted partner of the Saudi Arabian government, our mandate as a Conformity Body includes one or a combination of the following:

- > Product and model verification
- > Verification of a Product Certificate of Conformity (PCOC) upon Technical Regulations
- > Issuance of a Shipment Certificate of Conformity (SCOC)

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FEES & CONDITIONS

COTECNA FEES

Please contact us to provide you with a detailed quotation as per the product list and SABER requirements.

SABER CERTIFICATION FEES

- > To be paid by Client directly on SABER via SADAD
- > SADAD Fee to be settled by Client in order to initiate the PCoC and SCoC in SABER Platform.
- > This shall be non-refundable after payment in SADAD is completed.

SADAD FEES	
Certificate Type	Fee to be settled by client
SADAD Fee for PCOC Certificate	SAR 575 (15% VAT is included)
SADAD Fee for SCOC Certificate	SAR 402 (15% VAT is included)



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