



CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT OF GOODS
TO BE EXPORTED TO
THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA



DATASHEET FOR THE TRADE

1. General Information

Scope Of The Program:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure conformity of imported products to the established standards (technical regulations).• The assessment may be conducted through one or a combination of the following verification methods: documentary verification, laboratory testing, physical inspection, auditing and/or product Registration
Applicable Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council of Ministers Decision Decree No. 213 of 3.8.1424H (30 September 2003) cancelling the ICCP (International Conformity Certification Program)• Ministerial Decision No. 6386 of 21.6.1425H (8 August 2004) Establishing the ICCP Replacement Committee in charge of implementing an alternative mechanism for using private laboratories for certifying the conformity of imported goods to established standards; during the transitional period, a Conformity Assessment program is taking place under the authority of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Regulated products	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As per Ministerial Resolution No. (6386) ALL consignments of imported goods should be accompanied by a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) issued by an entity authorized by the competent official agency in the country of origin.• http://www.commerce.gov.sa/wto/First%20File.doc• Additional product information is available in section 4
Applicable Standards	Standards from the following entities listed below are used for conformity assessment: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. SASO (Saudi Arabian Standards Organization)2. GSO (Standardization Organization for GCC)3. International Standards (ISO, IEC...)4. National Standards (NF, BS, DIN...)
Forms of Attestation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issuance of a Certificate of Conformity (CoC)
Purpose of Attestation	CoC is needed for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• customs clearance of the imported goods (mandatory document)• Provides the Saudi authorities with a basis for conducting post-market Surveillance to ensure product conformity to applicable and mandatory standards and technical regulations
Authorised Companies to issue CoCs/SoRs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All entities recognized by the competent official agency in the country of origin.
Authorisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SGS is an authorised company to issue Certificates of Conformity (CoC) for good to be exported to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as per Ministerial Decision No. 6386 of 21.6.1425H (8 August 2004) issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Selection of Certification Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exporter's Choice
Minimum Order Value Subject To The Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None



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2. Application Requirements

Certification Procedures

A- Verification of Compliance prior to shipment

Requires:

- **Physical Inspection of goods** largely for product identification and to gain confidence that the requirements not covered by the testing (**e.g. marking, labeling, packaging**) are fulfilled.
- **Pre-Shipment Testing** Only test reports issued by approved laboratories are acceptable (*see Other Guidelines*)
- **Certificate of Conformity (CoC)** is issued following successful inspection and testing.

B- Product Registration (for exporters shipping frequently homogeneous products)

Requires:

- **Physical Inspection**
- **Random Pre-Shipment Testing** on selected shipments to monitor continued compliance.
- **Registration statement** is issued upon satisfactory completion of requirements. The Statement is issued for **one year** and is annually renewable.
- A **CoC** is issued for each shipment.

3. Additional Guidelines

Approved Laboratories

Only test results from the below laboratories are acceptable:

1. SGS Laboratories
2. Accredited laboratories (with copy of accreditation)
3. Laboratories recognized in by the competent national official agency (with copy of registration)
4. Manufacturer's laboratories:
 - i. If Lab accredited and Manufacturer ISO 9001 certified (with copy of accreditation or certificate of compliance)
 - ii. If no accreditation or certification, test reports may be accepted if testing is witnessed by SGS.

Required Documents (applicable for both A and B unless otherwise stated)

The mandatory documents for product certification are:

- Completed RFC
- Local Invoice issued by SGS selling affiliate
- Test Report
- Inspection report/ Result
- (only for Product Registration) **Self declaration from the exporter** stating that the goods are in conformity with the applicable SASO and/or International standards



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When applicable and/or relevant, the following documents may also be requested:

- Inspection report/ Result
- Registration Statement
- ISO Certificates
- Accreditations
- Certificates for the Use of Quality Marks
- Technical Product Data Sheets

Applicable Fees

For information on fees please contact the SGS (Governments and Institutions) affiliate in the country of supply.

4. Product Information

The Conformity Assessment Programme for Saudi requires that a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) should accompany All consignments of imported goods - except for those prohibited or exempted - to certify conformity to the applicable standards (technical regulations).

A. Products exempted from the Conformity Assessment program

- Imports of the Diplomatic Corps, consulates, international organizations and members of the diplomatic and consular corps accredited by the government
- Imports for all sectors of the military forces, such as ammunitions, arms, equipment, military means of transport and parts thereof, and any other materials
- Imports of the Philanthropic Societies "Charities"

B. Prohibited imports

S. No.	HS Code	Description	WTO Justification
1.	01.03	Live swine, meat, fat, hair, blood, guts, limbs and all other products of swine	GATT Art. XX(a)
2.	02 09 00 10		
3.	02 06 30 00		
4.	02 06 41 00		
5.	02 06 49 00		
6.	02.03		
7.	05 02 10 00		
8.	02 10 11 00		
9.	02 10 12 00		
10.	02 10 19 00		
11.	15 01 00 30		
12.	16 02 41 00		
13.	16 02 42 00		
14.	16 02 49 00		
15.	41 03 30 00		
16.	15 03 00 11		
17.	15 03 00 21		
18.	15 03 00 91		
19.	16 01 00 31		
20.	16 01 00 21		
21.	16 01 00 11, in addition to other relevant headings		



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S. No.	HS Code	Description	WTO Justification
22.	41 03 31 00		
23.	41 06 31 00		
24.	41 06 32 00		
25.	41 13 20 00		
26.	01 06 19 40	Dogs, other than hunting dogs, guard dogs or guide dogs for the blind, accompanied with a certificate from a competent authority in the country of exportation duly qualified by the Saudi Arabian embassy stated therein that the dog to be admitted is a hunting dog, guard dog or guide dog for the blind, in addition to submitting to the veterinary quarantine	GATT Art. XX(a)
27.	02 08 20 00	Frog meat	GATT Art. XX(a)
28.	09 08 10 00	Narcotics of all types, forms and descriptions	GATT Art. XX(b)
29.	09 08 20 00		
30.	12 07 91 00		
31.	12 07 99 10		
32.	12 07 99 20		
33.	12 11 30 00		
34.	12 11 40 00		
35.	12 11 90 20		
36.	12 11 90 60		
37.	13 02 11 00		
38.	13 02 19 10		
39.	29 39 91 10, in addition to other relevant headings		
40.	31.01	Animal or vegetable raw natural organic fertilizer	GATT Art. XX(b)
41.	12 11 90 90	Goro nut	GATT Art. XXI
42.	12 11 90 90	Betel	GATT Art. XX(b)
43.	22.03	Alcoholic beverages and intoxicants of all kinds, including those containing alcohol in any intoxicating proportion	GATT Art. XX(a)
44.	22.04		
45.	22.05		
46.	22.06		
47.	22 07 20 90		
48.	22.08, except 22 08 90 11 and 22 08 90 19		
49.	24 03 99 20	Tobacco snuff – Tobacco "sawika"	GATT Art. XX(b)
50.	25 24 00 00	Asbestos and products thereof	GATT Art. XX(b)
51.	ex 29.31	Sarin toxic gas	GATT Art. XX(b)
52.	30 06 80 00	Industrial waste and hazardous refuse	GATT Art. XX(b)
53.	36 04 10 00	Fireworks of the kind used by children such as snaps, rockets, sulfuric jitters and night stars, etc., falling within this scope	GATT Art. XX(b)
54.	40.12, except 40 12 90 00	Used and rethreaded tyres	GATT Art. XX(b)
55.	49 01 99 10	The Holy Quran	GATT Art. XX(a)



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S. No.	HS Code	Description	WTO Justification
56.	49 07 00 11	Saudi Arabian stamps	GATT Art. XX(d)
57.	49 09 00 20	Greeting cards with electric circuit	GATT Art. XXI
58.	49 11 10 90	Coupons of Hadi (sacrificial animals)	GATT Art. XX(d)
59.	49 11 10 90	Blank invoices of foreign companies abroad	GATT Art. XX(d)
60.	85 12 30 00	Security car radar detection equipments	GATT Art. XXI
61.	85 28 12 99	Satellite internet receiver	GATT Art. XXI
62.	85 29 10 00	Satellite internet receiver	GATT Art. XXI
63.	85 31 80 90	Apparatus releasing sounds of police car sirens or of some animals	GATT Art. XXI
64.	ex 87.01	Damaged vehicles, and right-hand drive vehicles	GATT Art. XX(b)
65.	ex 87.02		
66.	ex 87.03		
67.	ex 87.04		
68.	ex 87.05		
69.	ex 87.09		
70.	ex 87.11	Two, three and four wheeler children's motor cycles or vehicles	GATT Art. XX(b)
71.	90 13 10 00	Binoculars in which electric circuit is used and it directly projects red light on the target	GATT Art. XXI
72.	93 02 00 00	Revolvers and pistols in the shape of mobile phones, lighters, pagers, pens or other pistols	GATT Art. XXI
73.	93 04 00 90		
74.	93 07 00 90		
75.	95 03 80 00	Remote control airplanes and parts thereof	GATT Art. XXI
76.	95 03 90 00	Noise-making pistols and guns, and toy pistols similar in shape to real pistols	GATT Art. XXI
77.	97 05 00 00	Mummified animals	GATT Art. XX(a)
78.	Different Headings	All foodstuff containing animal blood in their manufacturing	GATT Art. XX(a)
79.	Different Headings	Drink having description of Zamzam	GATT Art. XX(a)
80.	Different Headings	All types of machines, equipment and tools for gambling or games of chance	GATT Art. XX(a)
81.	Different Headings	Kuwait and Iraq war leftover equipment and machinery	GATT Art. XXI
82.	Different Headings	Publicity material for cigarettes of any kind	GATT Art. XX(b)
83.	Different Headings	Products polluted by radiation or nuclear dust (e.g., watches of trademark Trophy)	GATT Art. XX(b)

Contact us for more information:

If you would like to know more about the program and how to apply for a Certificate of Conformity, please contact our **Certification Center**:

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