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## KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

### Verification of Conformity Programme



#### 1. Regulation

Authority:	Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) Saudi Ministry of commerce and Industry Saudi Ministry of Finance – Customs Authority
Notification:	Ministerial Resolution Nr 6386 dated on 21.06.1425H Saudi Product Safety Program (SALEEM) launched in 2017
Starting date (Renewal):	March 2018
Appointed company(ies):	Certificates shall be issued by companies recognized by SASO, in the country of origin or export such as BUREAU VERITAS (BV)
Scope of the regulation:	Conformity assessment of goods to be exported to Saudi Arabia
Assessment based on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Documentary review</li> <li>▪ Control testing if any</li> <li>▪ Physical inspection/audit</li> <li>▪ Conclusion of the assessment</li> </ul>
Remark:	N/A

#### 2. Products subject

Subjected goods:	All products except the exempted ones (mentioned below)
Second-hand goods:	Not acceptable unless they are refurbished spare parts (list of refurbished spare parts available at the local Bureau Veritas office) (*)
Prohibited goods:	See “Saudi Arabia - Import Guide 01 - Banned and restricted products” for details on Verigates
Restricted goods:	See “Saudi Arabia - Import Guide 01 - Banned and restricted products” for details on Verigates <a href="https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/saudi-arabia">https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/saudi-arabia</a>
Counterfeited goods:	Not allowed
Exempted goods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Products subject to the Kingdom’s sanitary and phytosanitary regulations under the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) such as animals, seeds, vegetables, fruits, meat, food, food packaging products...</li> <li>• Products for which documentation has been provided for purposes of assuring conformity to Islamic religious requirements (rulings of Islamic Shari’a),</li> <li>• Medical products (medical devices, medicines...)</li> <li>• Military related products.</li> <li>• Crude oil</li> </ul>
Minimum value subject to the programme:	No

#### 3. Technical requirement

Conformity requirements:	Compliance of goods to applicable Saudi, Gulf, international, and national standards and technical regulations (in this respective order of priority depending on the presence of such standards), in addition to national deviations shall be demonstrated with testing and/or conformity documents issued by an accredited entity.
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National deviations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Country of Origin shall be marked on each product (if the product is too small, it can be accepted on its direct packaging, this is considered on a case by case basis)</li> <li>- The Country of Origin shall not be abbreviated (e.g. "Made in P.R.C." is not accepted it shall be "Made in China" or "Made in the People's Republic of China")</li> <li>- The wording "Assembled in..." shall not be used as marking for the country of origin</li> <li>- Instruction manuals for household appliances and/or equipment that can be used directly by the consumer, shall be at least in both Arabic and English languages</li> <li>- Instruction manuals for appliances and equipment to be handled only by professional technicians or in the industry shall be at least in English or Arabic language</li> <li>- If an electrical product is intended to be connected to the mains (for example, provided with a plug), it shall have a rated voltage or rated voltage range including 220V (230V accepted) for single phase. if rated frequency is indicated, it shall include 60 Hz (If product is marked 60Hz and internal parts are marked 50Hz only, the test report for the whole appliance needs to be performed and passing at 60Hz)</li> <li>- Electrical plugs shall be UK type plug (squared pin), according to SASO 2203 (Other plug may be equipped for three phase appliances)</li> <li>- Additional list of other national deviations available at the local Bureau Veritas office (*)</li> </ul>
Labelling requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The following markings shall be in Arabic or English: manufacturer name (producing company), country of origin, in addition to the marking requirements as per the applicable standard</li> <li>- Labels, markings and instructions shall be legible, well stuck, and not easy to remove</li> </ul>
Other specific requirements: (*)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All products imported directly from Japan shall be tested for radiation</li> <li>- Energy Efficiency certificates and Energy Efficiency labels is required for several electrical appliances**</li> <li>- Toys (Gulf technical regulation BD-131704-01) and Low Voltage Equipment under list 2 (Gulf Technical regulation BD 142004-1) shall be marked with the GCC mark as specified in the applicable Gulf regulation</li> <li>- Tires shall be accompanied with GCC certificates in addition to the regular conformity documents required and marked with the wet grip and rolling resistance label as per SASO 2857 if applicable.</li> <li>- Biodegradability labels are required for specific polyethylene and polypropylene products**</li> <li>- Water conservation labels are required for certain sanitary appliances and tapware**</li> <li>- Some electrical products** require the IECEE certificate issued by SASO</li> <li>- SASO Quality Mark is required for certain products**</li> </ul> <p>(**) Please acquire the list of products from the local Bureau Veritas office</p>

#### 4. Application

Applicant:	Any supplier
Application name:	<b>Request for certificate (RFC) or via SABER platform</b>
Required documents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final invoice</li> <li>• Transport document (Bill of Lading/Air Way Bill/ CMR...), if available</li> <li>• Conformity documents (test reports, quality certificates, analysis reports, risk assessment reports etc.) provided by suppliers, as per technical requirements (*)</li> <li>• Commercial registry of importer</li> <li>• Commercial registry and/or factory license of exporter/manufacturer (*)</li> <li>• Design, dimensions, plans, specifications of the product, where applicable</li> <li>• Declaration of conformity to applicable standard or technical regulation, where applicable</li> </ul>
Required information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HS code</li> <li>• Certificate of Origin number and date (declared on RFC or email)</li> <li>• Name and address of manufacturer</li> </ul>

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Application office(s):	Bureau Veritas offices (see contacts list on Verigates : <a href="https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/saudi-arabia">https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/saudi-arabia</a> )
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**5. Control testing requirements**

Applicable cases:	Conformity document not available or not acceptable
Laboratory criteria:	ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory
Testing:	Control testing according to the applicable Saudi, Gulf, international, and national standards and technical regulations (in this respective order of priority depending on the presence of such standards)

**6. Physical inspection requirements**

Scope of inspection:	Review of markings as per applicable standard(s) and identification of products/Factory inspection
Destination inspection:	Not allowed
Witness of loading:	Not mandatory
Seal of container/stamping/tape sealing of products:	Not mandatory
Sampling:	In case of control testing (see section 5 as above)
Type of report issued:	Inspection report (IR)

**7. Facilitation procedures**

The documents and system already in place to ensure conformity to Saudi requirements are preliminarily reviewed (test report, certificate, results of testing, inspection, conformity procedure ...).

**8. Conclusion of the Assessment**

- Certificate of Conformity (CoC)
- Non Conformity Report (NCR)

**9. Fees(\*)**

Inspections are paid by the Exporters directly to Bureau Veritas/BIVAC Office handling the file.

Factory audit, inspections and testing will be charged based on the location and type of assessment when needed

Fee structure is available at the local Bureau Veritas office.

**10. Contact**

See contact sheet for details on Verigates (<https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/saudi-arabia>)

**11. Other relevant information**

N/A

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*(\*) updated information*

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