



KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

Conformity Programme



SCOPE



CONFORMITY PROGRAMME

In the year 2017, SASO launched a national conformity assessment scheme as per the Saudi Product Safety Program (SALEEM) which is part of the national transformation program 2020 and 2030 vision of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

This project is aiming at developing a number of comprehensive technical regulations for the verification of conformity program of goods and products entering the Saudi markets.

SALEEM program is seeking, under the auspices of SASO, to set out mechanisms and procedures for insuring the safety of local and imported products subject to Saudi Standards and technical regulations.

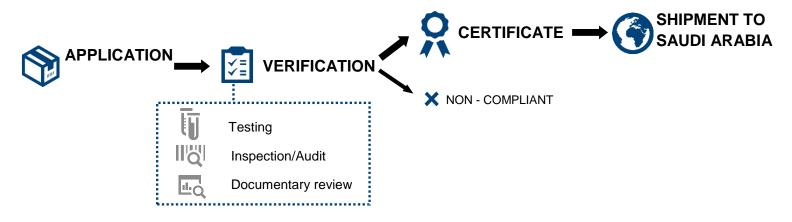
SABER is the web portal under SALEEM, through which the importer registers the product models intended for import, and uploads all the necessary documents related to the product and shipment. The certificates issued through SABER will automatically appear at the customs for shipment clearance.

The SABER platform launched on January 1st 2019, and the enforcement by the customs is expected in Mid 2019 (TBD).

OBJECTIVE

- Protection of the consumer and the environment
- Conformity Assurance
- Swift customs clearance with the appropriate Certificate of Conformity (CoC)

BASIC PROCESS OVERVIEW





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PROCESS



Step 1: Request for Certificate

Importer / Exporter lodges a Request for Certificate to a Bureau Veritas local contact or via SABER platform designating Bureau Veritas as the Conformity Assessment Body. Said request should include:

- List, designation of goods intended to be exported, importer / exporter details (name, address, invoice, ...)
- Conformity documents available (ex: Third party certificate, Test reports, Reports of analysis according to applicable standards),
- Certificate of the manufacturer according to ISO 9001 or other quality standard such as ISO 14001, ISO/TS 16949... if any,
- Information related to local and provisional date of availability of goods to carry out their physical inspection or factory audit when required. (Filling up of the Request For Certificate (RFC) Form)

Step 2: Documentary review / Testing

Bureau Veritas reviews all information provided and checks their adequacy against the Saudi standards and technical regulations. Laboratory testing / analysis are conducted on samples when required.

Step 3: Inspection/Audit

Bureau Veritas checks that:

- Products comply with applicable standards and technical regulations
- Goods presented are those identified during the documentary review
- Goods match their manufacturing and export requirements as mentioned in the applicable technical regulation
- Audit of factory when required by the applicable technical regulation
- If necessary, Bureau Veritas inspectors may take samples for additional assessment.

Step 4 : Certificate of Conformity

Bureau Veritas checks the inspection report against the provided documents. Upon satisfactory results, a secured Certificate of Conformity is issued; else, a Non-Conformity Report is produced. Exporters are recommended not to ship their goods prior issuance of the required Certificate.

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