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KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

Verification of Conformity Program



1. Regulation

Authority:	Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA)
Notification:	CB-2024-FO-0003 issued on 19/05/2024 by the SFDA
Starting date:	March 2011
Renewal date:	November 2019
Appointed company(ies):	Bureau Veritas and other conformity assessment bodies appointed by SFDA
Scope of the regulation:	Product Certification of Food products to be exported to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia according to the applicable technical regulations and standards adopted by the SFDA.
Assessment based on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Documentary review ▪ Control testing if any ▪ Physical inspection if any ▪ Conclusion of the assessment
Remark:	<p>Product Certification for shipments exported from the following countries (Export from other countries is not covered):</p> <p>1.Egypt 2. Jordan 3. Sudan 4. India 5. Sri Lanka 6. Somalia 7. Brazil 8.Argentina 9. Pakistan 10. United Arab Emirates 11. Turkey 12.France 13. Italy 14. Syria 15. Morocco 16. Spain 17. Russia 18.Thailand 19. South Korea 20. Japan 21. Australia 22. New Zealand 23. United Kingdom 24. United States</p>

2. Products subject

Subjected goods:	Refer to the list of food categories per country of origin through the following link
Second-hand goods:	NA
Prohibited goods:	Refer to the listed products on the SFDA website https://eservices.zatca.gov.sa/sites/sc/ar/CustomsGuideNew/RestrictedGoods/Pages/Pages/LandingPage.aspx
Restricted goods:	Refer to website: https://eservices.zatca.gov.sa/sites/sc/ar/CustomsGuideNew/RestrictedGoods/Pages/Pages/LandingPage.aspx
Counterfeited goods:	Not allowed
Exempted goods:	Please check with Bureau Veritas KSA
Minimum value subject to the program:	NA

3. Technical requirement

Conformity requirements:	Compliance of goods to applicable Saudi technical regulations in addition to national deviations shall be demonstrated with testing and/or conformity documents issued by an accredited entity.
National deviations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Country of Origin shall be marked on each product. - 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") - Labels, marking, ingredient and instructions shall be legible, well stuck, and not easy to remove.

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	- <i>Marking shall not contain depictions that are offensive to the Islamic traditions and social values in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</i>
Labelling requirements:	<i>Marking shall comply with the requirements of GSO 9 at least.</i>
Other specific requirements:	<i>Please check with Bureau Veritas KSA</i>

4. Application

Applicant:	<i>Any Importer in KSA</i>
Application name:	<i>Request for certificate (RFC)</i>
Required documents:	According To: https://www.sfda.gov.sa/sites/default/files/2023-03/SFDA-OP222.pdf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Request for certificate (RFC)</i> • <i>Copy of commercial invoice (pro-forma is acceptable to open the file only), and shall contain at least unit and quantity of the product, and packing measure</i> • <i>SFDA Product Registration</i> • <i>Commercial Registration Certificate of importer and, which includes food trade activity as a registered commercial activity.</i> • <i>Proof of registration of manufacturer with the SFDA as Foreign Establishment</i> • <i>Test report from accredited lab for same batch for the same sample taken by BV inspector.</i> • <i>Quality Management System (QMS) certificate</i> • <i>Copy of the commercial registration certificate of the exporter.</i> • <i>Copy of the industrial registration certificate of the manufacturer.</i> • <i>Ingredient list with concentrations (if applicable).</i> • <i>Copy of the product label from every side.</i> • <i>Certificate of origin.</i> • <i>Health certificate.</i> • <i>Pesticide report and certificate (if applicable).</i>
Required information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>HS code as per the Saudi tariff code</i> • <i>Batch or lot number or production date of each line item</i>
Application office(s):	<i>Bureau Veritas offices (see contacts list on Verigates):</i> https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/saudi-arabia

5. Control testing requirements

Applicable cases:	<i>Mandatory</i>
Laboratory criteria:	<i>ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory</i>
Testing:	<i>Control testing according to the applicable Saudi national standards and technical regulations</i>

6. Physical inspection requirements

Scope of inspection:	- <i>Review of marking as per applicable standard(s) and identification of products</i> - <i>Sampling.</i>
Destination inspection:	<i>Not allowed</i>
Witness of loading:	<i>Mandatory</i>
Seal of container:	<i>Mandatory</i>
Sampling:	<i>Mandatory</i>

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Type of report issued:	Inspection report (IR)
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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 Office handling the file.

Inspections and testing may be charged based on the location and type of assessment when needed.

Recommended fees per Certificate: 2000 SAR per COC (533 USD)

Inspection fees: 100 USD per container or as specific country case

10. Contact

See contacts sheet for details on Verigates: <https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/saudi-arabia>

11. Other relevant information

N/A

(*) updated information

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