

# Saudi Standardization Journey Towards Globalization

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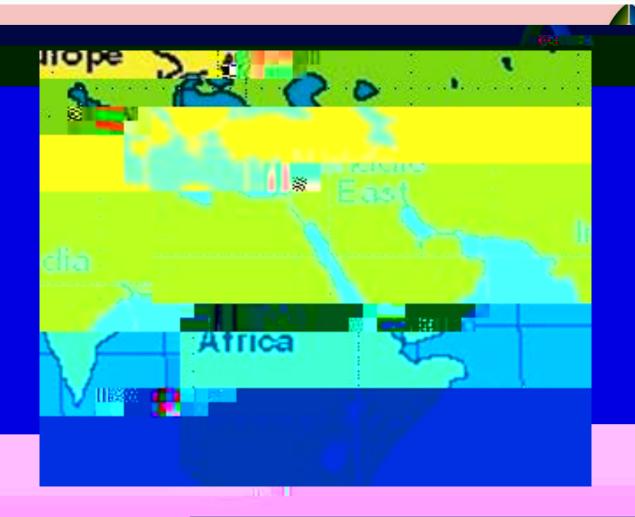
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# Economic Figures About Saudi Arabia

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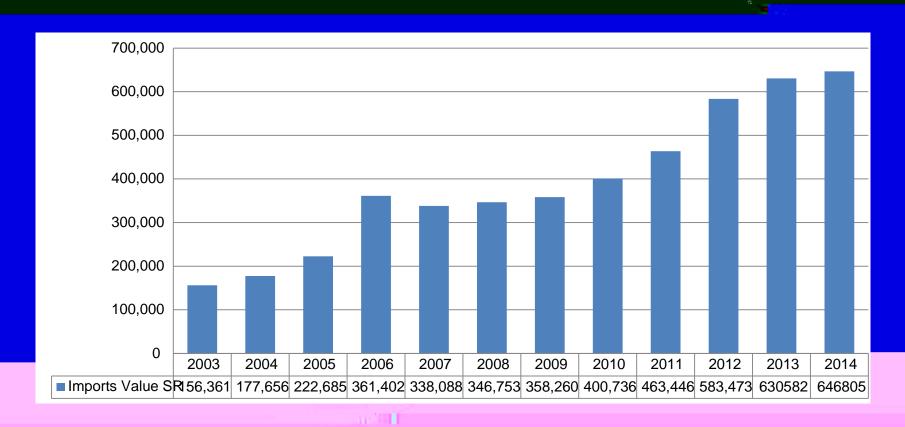
- § \$746.25 Billion
- f KSAeconomyis oil-basedcharacterizedby a major concentration of exports on a single resource
- f KSAhave launched many initiatives towards diversification of its economy, particularly through focusing on industry development, and mineral resources
- f Clearfocuson Strengtheninghe role of the private sector, through encouraging its participation in various socioeconomic





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# Growth in Imports



#### **About SASO**

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#### Our Mission:

To Improve standards and quality of products & services, aiming at strengthening consumer protection and the improving the competitiveness of the national economy

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#### Our Vision:

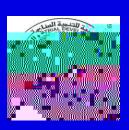
To Achieve regional leadership & scientific reference in the fields of standardization and conformity assessment.

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- f SASOnas signed Technical Cooperation Programs with about 35 NSB and ^ K [all over the word
- f 14 Mutual Recognition Programs ~ D Z W signed with counterpartinstitutions in other countries
- f 94 National Laboratorieshave been Accredited by the Saudi Accreditation Committee (SAC)

# SASO Presence in Regional and International Standardization Institutions

#### SASO is a Member of the following Orgs.:

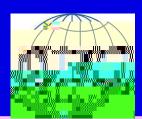












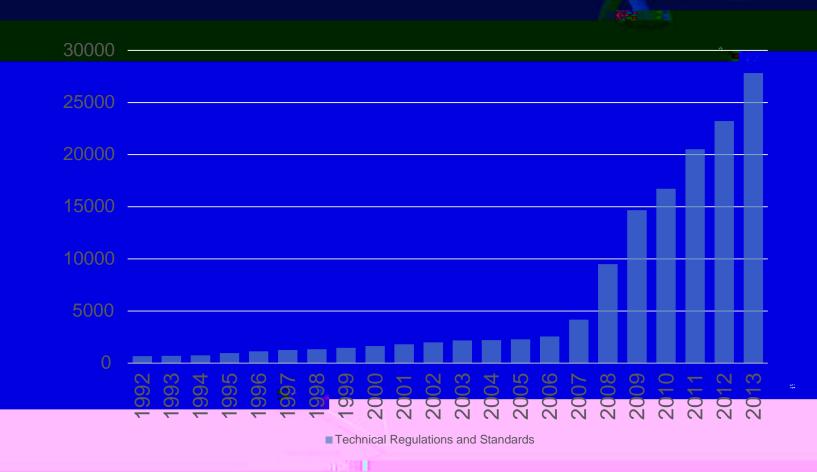
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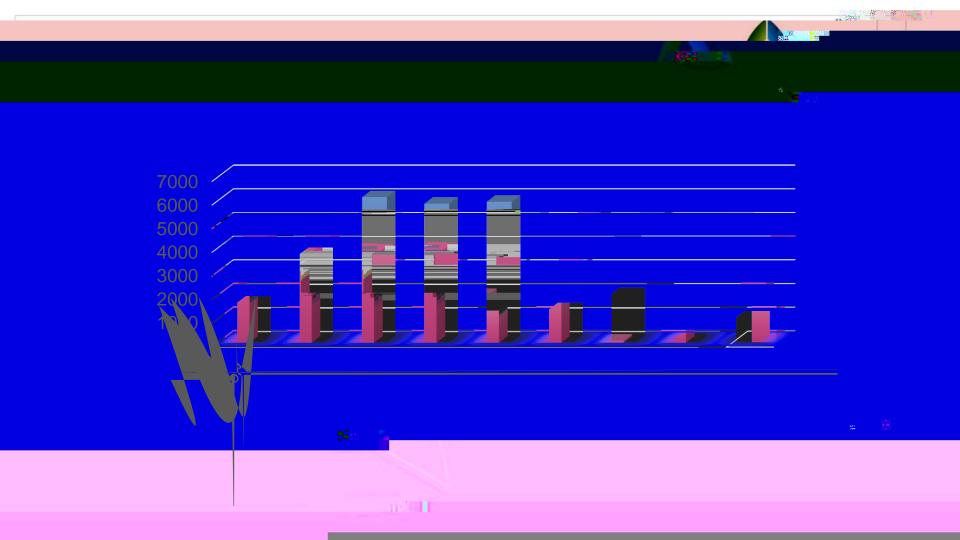
- f BecauseSASOs the NationalStandardizatiorBodyin the Kingdom of SaudiArabia, it was a permanentMember of the Sauditeam for the Accession
- f Since the early stages of Accession we started reviewing our activities and evaluating how to make it in line with the requirements of the TBT
- f A TaskForcewasformulated for this mission

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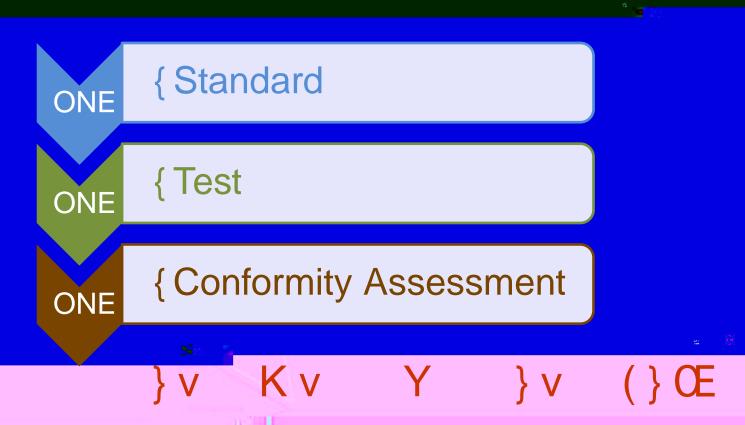
- f The TaskForceprepared an Action Planthat was submitted to WTO with DocumentNo.: WT/ACC/SAU/1
- f The Action Planresulteda

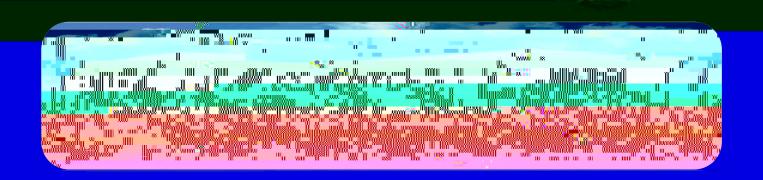






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