

The Saudi Arabian Standards Organization
(SASO)

Technical Directive
Part Three:
Conformity Assessment Procedures

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Introduction:

By developing and applying the conformity assessment procedures, Saudi Arabian Standards Organization does not aim at creating unnecessary technical barriers to international trade. However, by doing so, SASO shall ensure that the product, manufacturing conditions process, or the service fulfills specified conditions and standards, as well as observes the rulings of Islamic Sharia, hygiene and safety of man, animals, plants, and environment, national security protection and prevention of fraudulent

1.3 Quality Assurance

All the planned and regulatory activities implemented in the quality system to furnish sufficient confidence that an entity will abide by quality requirements.

1.4 Conformity Certificate

A document issued pursuant to the rules of conformity certificate system so as to furnish confidence that the product complies with specific relevant standard or any other standard document.

II. General Provisions

1. Upon setting and application of conformity assessment to ensure conformity of the local and imported products with the Saudi mandatory standards (Saudi technical regulation) and Saudi voluntary standards, the following shall be observed:

1.1 SASO accepts that conformity assessment procedures shall be equally available to suppliers and national firms, including the possibility of conducting the assessment activities at the site of the conformity assessment applicant.

1.2 SASO undertakes that the procedures of conformity assessment approved or applied shall not be barriers to international trade, and shall not be more vigorous than required to ensure sufficient confidence that the products conform to technical regulations or standards, observing the hazards that may be caused by nonconformity.

2. To implement II.1, SASO undertakes to:

2.1 Conformity assessment procedures are undertaken and completed as expeditiously as possible and in a no less favourable order for products originating in the territories of other Members³(ty)28()-179(a)4(ssessmTBT7(or)3s of)-7(oth

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10. SASO shall participate, as per its capacity, at the technical committees of the international standardization organizations so as to study and discuss the topics and subjects pertaining to standards and conformity assessment procedures.

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5.3 The organization shall provide SASO with any information it requires on the product which is the subject of the certificate.

5.4 The organization shall pay the specified costs and expenses.

* The Conformity Certificate Regulation is shown in Annex (B).