

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 practices. SASO depends in its work on conformity assessment procedures which were prepared in accordance with the relevant international standards, guides, and recommendations issued by international organizations such as the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

To achieve this goal, this part of SASO technical work manual is developed to present the conformity assessment procedures adopted by SASO, which include:

- Quality Mark regulations
- Conformity Certificate regulations

I. Definitions:

The definitions mentioned in Part One of SAS

the following definitions for the purpose of this Part of the Manual.

1.1 SASO

Saudi Arabian Standards Organization.

1.2 Quality Mark

A mark
relevant Saudi standard.

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 territori

5. If pressing conditions that are repugnant to Islamic Sharia or contradictory to safety, health, environment or national security protection emerge, SASO may omit what it sees necessary of the steps of item (4), and shall perform the following upon approval of the conformity assessment procedure:

stipulated in the regulations of the Saudi Quality Mark that complies with ISO/IEC Guides 65 and 28.

Among the most essential requirements that should be met in the organization wishing to obtain a license for the use of the quality mark are the following:-

- 4.1** A Saudi standard for the product shall be available.
- 4.2** The availability of adequate testing capabilities to ensure the continuity of the quality of the product.
- 4.3** There should be a section responsible for production quality control.

Besides, all products bearing the mark are subject to SASO control, by performing periodical inspection visits to organizations having license to use the Mark, and taking samples from their products to analyse them and check its conformity where the organization pays specified costs to SASO for using the Mark. The license to use the Mark shall be for one year, and it shall be renewable if requested by the organization.

* The Quality Mark Regulation is shown in Annex (A).

5. The Conformity Certificate Regulation:-

The Conformity Certificate Regulation is optional and applicable to specified consignments of certain products when the organization submits application for obtaining a conformity certificate according to standards pertaining to such product where this regulation may be applied to domestic, exported and imported products. This will help in the implementation of such standards and facilitating the commercial exchange. This certificate is granted for consignment conforming to standards when the following conditions are met:-

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