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# SALEEM

## New authorization procedure for Saudi Arabia

We are your partner for the [export to the Middle East](#) and will provide you with some information today about the export of your products to Saudi Arabia.

Starting January 1, 2018, the current conformity program by the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) will be gradually replaced by the Saudi Product Safety Program (SALEEM). For this purpose, the SASO has developed the new online system SABER.

The new program is modular and distinguishes between Product CoC (Certificate of Conformity) and Shipment CoC.

### PRODUCT CoC AND SHIPMENT CoC

The Product CoC is issued by registered certification bodies (Conformity Assessment Bodies, CABs in short). The product must be tested in a registered laboratory. The Product CoC is issued using the SABER system and is valid for three years.

The Shipment CoC is requested and issued online by the supplier/ distributor of the goods - also via the SABER system. For this process, all technical documents related to the products in the shipment must be „submitted“, including the Product CoCs (product file), where applicable. The Shipment CoC is only valid for a specific shipment and is very similar to the current SASO certificate.

### PRODUCT CATEGORIES AND PRODUCT CLASSIFICATION: LOW – MEDIUM – HIGH

The SALEEM system distinguishes between the following product categories: Construction Products, Chemical Products, Machinery and Others. Which products fall in which risk class (high, medium or low) and which Technical Regulations must be applied is decided by the customs tariff numbers (HS Codes).

### CERTIFICATION SCHEMES AND CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

Via the customs tariff numbers, it should be possible to clearly determine whether a product is regulated and into which risk class it falls, meaning whether it passed through the Product CoC process and whether a registered certification body must be involved, and which Technical Regulations must be applied. We will be happy to provide you with more information about this process and about the applicable Technical Regulations.



#### **STANDARDS AND TECHNICAL REGULATIONS**

So far, there are more than 45 Technical Regulations in 4 sectors: Construction, Chemical Products, Machinery, and Others for both local and imported products. But many more Technical Regulations are expected to be published in future.

#### **REGISTERED TÜV RHEINLAND LABORATORIES**

TUV Rheinland is authorized for the SALEEM program. In addition, three of our laboratories in Germany are already registered with the authority and are authorized to perform tests to verify compliance with the relevant SASO standard. The following laboratories have successfully completed the registration process:

- Quality Laboratory in Nuremberg for the energy efficiency sector  
Scope: refrigerators, freezers and washing machines
- Electrical Laboratory in Cologne  
Scope: lights
- Laboratory in Würzburg  
Scope: water consumption devices

#### **IMPLEMENTATION OF SALEEM PROGRAM**

Officially, the SALEEM process will be implemented January 1, 2018. However, there may be delays. SASO Certificates (CoCs) by TUV Rheinland will still be accepted until further notice. However, customers should start registering their products in the SABER system before June 2018.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS TOPIC? PLEASE CONTACT US!**

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