

KSA –Conformity Certificate Program (COCP)

Certificate of Conformity Program (COCP)

(for Exports of Malaysian made products to
the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)

1. Introduction

In 2005, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has abolished the International Conformity Certification Program (ICCP), a pre-shipment certification program initiated in 1995 to monitor and control the quality of certain products imported into the country. In place of the old program, the certification program is now under the control of the Certificate of Conformity Program (COCP) that requires all exporting companies to provide a certificate of conformity with every shipment to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. As a transitional measure, Saudi Arabia has implemented a temporary rule that a certificate of conformity shall accompany every consignment bound for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The certificate of conformity shall be issued by an entity authorized by the competent official agency in the country of origin specifying that the imported goods either abide by or meet applicable Saudi Arabian standards (SSA), if available, or adhere to the equivalent international standards (e.g. IEC standards). The Conformity Certificate would not be needed once Saudi Arabia had established sufficient in-country capabilities for testing imported and domestic products through random sampling or risk-based compliance checks.

The new "Conformity Certificate for the Goods Exported to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" is applied to all products, including domestic products, except those subject to the Kingdom's sanitary and phyto-sanitary regulations as well as military related equipments. Products are generally classified into two categories: Products that are listed in the 'List of Items Subject To Mandatory Certification' (see Appendix A) (covering toys, electrical and electronics, automotives and parts, chemicals and others), and those that are not specifically listed (such as furniture, stationary, etc). Both categories will require going through the certification process in order to obtain the certificate. Nevertheless, there are

few products that are not allowed to be exported into the country such as greeting cards with electric circuit, children's motorcycles or vehicles, etc. (see Appendix B)

As a prerequisite, the exporter should be aware of the technical and non-technical requirements covered by national laws and standards such as local climate conditions (e.g. the electric equipment must comply with the temperature rise requirements of 40 degrees Celsius), electrical supply system (e.g. the working voltage in Saudi Arabia is 127 and/or 220 V, 60 Hz. Testing should be completed at 127 and/or 220 +/- 6%), vehicle emission standards, Arabian marking requirements, etc. Currently, Saudi Arabia does not have any EMC requirements for electrical equipment. Only equipment that contains a wired or wireless communication (Telecom) device has to comply with EMC requirements.

In order to facilitate the exports from Malaysia, in July 2006, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry has appointed SIRIM as the authorized entity for the issuance of the Certificate of Conformity.

Furthermore, SIRIM QAS International and SASO have reached another milestone when on 16 August 2007, both parties agreed to sign a Mutual Recognition of the Certificates of Conformity and Quality Marks. With this agreement, Malaysian products bearing SIRIM Quality Mark and tested in accordance to Saudi Arabian standards or accepted international standards are allowed to enter Kingdom of Saudi Arabia without technical barriers.

This program is open to any interested party of Malaysian origin who would like to export their Malaysian made goods/products to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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2. Procedure

The exporter/applicant is required to complete and submit the application form preferably in the electronic format along with other supporting documents (such as SIRIM Product Certification scheme licence, type test report(s) from accredited laboratories, copy of invoice, product manual, etc.) to the Inspection Group, Product Certification Section.

The application package could be obtained from www.sirim-qas.com.my or (e-mail: harman@sirim.my; Tel: +603 5544 6400, Fax: +603 5544 6652).

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Section 2,
40000 Shah Alam, Selangor Darul Ehsan
MALAYSIA

3. Terms and Conditions:

The implementation of this program shall be operated under the following terms and conditions:

- (i) The Certificate of Conformity shall only be issued to the product that is locally manufactured. Imported finished goods/products or any goods/products which were manufactured outside Malaysia shall not be accepted under this program.
- (ii) Only a complete type test report (not more than 5 years old) issued by an accredited test laboratory will be accepted under this program. As a principle, the product testing shall be conducted based on relevant Saudi Arabian standards (SSA), if available, or equivalent international standards (e.g. IEC standards). The type test report shall clearly reflect the essential

data such as the model name/no., manufacturer, standard no., date of test/issue, etc. Should there is a discrepancy with regards to the model name/no. or use of non-listed critical components, the applicant is responsible to submit the product to any accredited test laboratory for product verification / re-testing and obtain a supplementary report accordingly. No 'self-declare' documents (such as supplier's declaration) will be accepted for the purpose of supporting the application.

- (iii) All applications shall be processed within the specified period once a complete submission of application forms and associated supporting documents received.
- (iv) For applications under Route B and C, no pre-shipment shall be conducted on a non-complete shipment/batch. The applicant is required to submit a full list of completed shipment/batch (including a copy of the final invoice and packing list) at least 3 working days prior to the agreed pre-shipment inspection day.
- (v) Once the certificate of conformity is issued, it is the full responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the certificate of conformity is adequately endorsed by the relevant authorities as required in the application procedure and also, to ensure all shipping documentation are in place prior to shipment.
- (vi) The certificate of conformity is only applicable to the specific consignment as described in the associated invoice. Should a rework takes place on the consignment, the use of the same certificate of conformity is allowed. However, irregardless of the route applied, a pre-shipment is required to confirm the



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Reference

1. Ministerial Resolution No. (6386) dated in 21/6/1425H (issued by Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI))
2. SASO Technical Directive - Part Three: Conformity Assessment Procedures
3. WT/ACC/SAU/61 – Report Of The Working Party On The Accession Of The Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia To The World Trade Organization
4. Minutes of Meeting (between SQASI and SASO)

Appendix A

List of Items Subject to Mandatory Certification

Item	Harmonised System Commodity Codes
Group I – Toys	
Toys, incl. video games and other electronic toys	8712.00 / 9501 / 9502 / 9503 / 9504.10 / 9504.90 / 9505 / From 9506.99 /
Playground, amusement and fairground equipment	9508 / From 3407
Group II - Electrical and Electronics	
Air conditioning systems up to 60,000 btu (5 tons)	8415.10.20 / 8415.81.20 / 8415.82.20 / 8415.83.20
Combined function audio and/or video systems (non professional)	8518.30 / 8518.50 / 8520.30 /Combinations of II-03, II-04, II-41, II-43
Non professional stand-alone audio products (except radio receivers)	8518.21 / 8518.22 / 8518.29 / 8518.40 / 8519.21 / 8519.29 / 8519.31 / 8519.39 / 8519.92 / 8519.93 / 8519.99 / 8520.20 / 8520.90
Video playing and recording systems (non professional)	8521.10 / 8521.90 / 8525.40 /
Generator sets up to 12 kw	8502.11 / 8502.20
Motors up to 12kw	8501.10 / 8501.31 / 8501.32 / 8501.40 / 8501.51 / 8501
Fax and telex machines	8517.21 / 8517.22
Household cooking appliances	8516.60 / 8516.72
Clothes washing machines up to 10 kg and household dish-washing machines	8450.11 / 8450.12 / 8450.19 / 8422.1
Clothes drying machines up to 10 kg	8451.21
Electric irons, ironers and clothes steamers	8451.30 / 8516.40 / 8516.32
Domestic electromechanical kitchen appliances incl. food processors, meat choppers and grinders	8509.40 / 8509.80

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Personal care/grooming appliances (shavers, hair clippers, hair-removal devices and massagers)	8510.10 / 8510.20 / 8510.30 / 9019.10
Lift and elevator systems	8428.10 / 8431.31
Household microwave ovens	8516.50
Electric ovens up to 10 kw	8516.60
Copy machines and accessories	9009.11 / 9009.12 / 9009.30 / 9009.21 / 9009.22 / 9009.90
Personal computers (desktops/portables), storage units, peripherals and other input/output devices	8471.41 / 8471.49 / 8471.50 / 8471.60 / 8471.70 / 8473.30
Power transformers and distribution transformers up to 1000 kva	8504.21 / 8504.22 / 8504.31 / 8504.32 / 8504.33 / 8504.34
Household refrigerators and freezers up to 40 cu ft incl. Household refrigerating display cabinets	8418.10 / 8418.21 / 8418.22 / 8418.29 / 8418.30 / 8418.40 / 8418.50
Telephone sets, incl.mobile, cordless telephones, and modems	8517.11 / 8517.19 / 8517.50 / 8525.20
Electric wires and cables up to 1000v	8544.51 / 8544.59
Non-industrial vacuum cleaners, water suction appliances and shampooers	8509.10 / 8509.80
Household electric fires and heaters	8516.29 / 8516.21
Drinking water coolers and fountains	8418.69.10
Evaporative air coolers (desert coolers and humidifiers) up to 1.5 kw	8415.10.10 / 8415.82.10 / 8415.82.90 / 8415.83.10 / 8415.83.90
Domestic electric fans	8414.51 / 8414.60
Compressors for cooling units up to 60,000 btu	8414.30
Tea and coffee brewing appliances, and appliances for heating liquids	8516.71
Incandescent, fluorescent and discharge luminaires, fixtures and lampholders	9405.10 / 9405.20 / 8536.61

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Manually operated household switches, circuit breakers and fuses up to 40a	8536.10 / 8536.20 / 8536.50
Incandescent, fluorescent and discharge lamps	8539.21 / 8539.22 / 8539.29 / 8539.31 / 8539.32
Ballasts for discharge type lamps (including tubular fluorescent lamps)	8504.10
Starters for discharge type lamps (including tubular fluorescent lamps)	8532.10
General use mains plugs, socket outlets and mains configuration adapters	8536.69
Luminaires for road and street lighting	9405.40
Batteries, including rechargeable and automotive	8506.10 / 8506.30 / 8506.40 / 8506.50 / 8506.60 / 8506.80 / 8507.10 / 8507.30 / 8507.40
Immersed swimming pool luminaries	9405.40
Hair care equipment (hand-held hair dryers, hair curlers, waving apparatus and curling tong heaters)	8516.31, 8516.32
Water pumps up to 12 kw	8413.70
TV sets (colour/black and white)	8528.12 / 8528.13
General use mains voltage converters, power supplies and battery chargers	8504.40
Stand alone radio receivers	8527.12 / 8527.13 / 8527.19 / 8527.21 / 8527.29
Storage and instant type water heaters up to 200 litres	8516.10
Watt hour meters	9028.30
Household sewing machines	8452.10
Group III – Automotive	
Passenger automobiles, trucks, buses and multi-purpose vehicles (new)	8701 / 8702 / 8703 / 8704 / 8705
Passenger automobiles, trucks, buses and multi-purpose vehicles (used)	8701 / 8702 / 8703 / 8704 / 8705

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Item	Harmonised System Commodity Codes
Automotive glass (windshield, side and rear glass)	7007.21
Vehicle spare parts (new), including radiators and hoses, brakes and parts, lights, filters, silencers and exhaust pipes, clutches and parts, child restraints, spark plugs, wiper blades and motors, safety belts, fuel tanks, mirrors, bumpers, door locks and hinges, tyre tubes, and v-belts, gauges, rims and steering rods.	40.09 / 4010.22 / 4013.10, 4013.90 / 70.09 / 8301.20 / 8302.30 / 8421.23 / 8421.31 / 8501.10 / 8511.10 / 8512.20 / 8512.40 / 8539.10 / 8708.10 / 8708.70 / 8708.21 / 8708.29 / 8708.91/ 8708.92 / 8708.93 / 8708.94 / 8708.99 / 9026.20 / 9026.80 / 9401.20
New tyres for passenger automobiles, trucks, buses and multi-purpose vehicles	4011.10 / 4011.20
Group IV – Chemical	
Engine, transmission, hydraulic, turbine, and transformer oils, brake fluid and anti-freeze/coolant	2710.00.52 / 2710.00.53 / 2710.00.54 / 2710.00.55 / 2710.00.94 / 2710.00.95 / 2710.00.96 / 38.19 / 38.20
Paints	All 3208 / All 3209
Perfumes and cosmetics	3302.90 / All 3303 / All 3304 / All 3305 / All 3306 / 3307.10 / 3307.20 / 3307.30 / 3307.49.10 / 3307.90.10 / 3401.1
Domestic-use pesticides and insecticides	3808
Group V – Others	
Aluminium and aluminium alloy products for architectural application	7604 / 7606 / 7608 / 7609 / 7610 / 7616
Steel and iron alloy pipes	7304 / 7305 / 7306 / 7307
Gold and silver jewellery (including gemstones)	7113.11 / 7113.19 / 7113.20 / 7114.11 / 7114.19 / 7114.20 / 7116.10 / 7116.21
Head dress for men - cotton shemagh and ghutras	6505.90.10 / 6505.90.30
Fire extinguishers up to 24kg	8424.10
Cement	2523.21 / 2523.29.10 / 2523.29.20
Safety matches	3605.00

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Item	Harmonised System Commodity Codes
Low pressure regulators and pressure cookers	8481.10 / 7323.93 / 7323.99
Toilet paper and facial tissues, paper towels and serviettes	4818.10 / 4818.20 / 4818.30
Cigarettes only	2402.20
Household and camping gas appliances, including heaters, cookers, barbecues and lamps	7321.11 / 7321.81 / 9405.50

Appendix B

List of Banned Imports

S. No.	HS Code	Description	WTO Justification
1.	01.03	Live swine, meat, fat, hair, blood, guts, limbs and all other products of swine	GATT Art. XX(a)
2.	02 09 00 10		
3.	02 06 30 00		
4.	02 06 41 00		
5.	02 06 49 00		
6.	02.03		
7.	05 02 10 00		
8.	02 10 11 00		
9.	02 10 12 00		
10.	02 10 19 00		
11.	15 01 00 30		
12.	16 02 41 00		
13.	16 02 42 00		
14.	16 02 49 00		
15.	41 03 30 00		
16.	15 03 00 11		
17.	15 03 00 21		
18.	15 03 00 91		
19.	16 01 00 31		
20.	16 01 00 21		
21.	16 01 00 11, in addition to other relevant headings		
22.	41 03 31 00		
23.	41 06 31 00		
24.	41 06 32 00		
25.	41 13 20 00		

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S. No.	HS Code	Description	WTO Justification
26.	01 06 19 40	Dogs, other than hunting dogs, guard dogs or guide dogs for the blind, accompanied with a certificate from a competent authority in the country of exportation duly qualified by the Saudi Arabian embassy stated therein that the dog to be admitted is a hunting dog, guard dog or guide dog for the blind, in addition to submitting to the veterinary quarantine	GATT Art. XX(a)
27.	02 08 20 00	Frog meat	GATT Art. XX(a)
28.	09 08 10 00	Narcotics of all types, forms and descriptions	GATT Art. XX(b)
29.	09 08 20 00		
30.	12 07 91 00		
31.	12 07 99 10		
32.	12 07 99 20		
33.	12 11 30 00		
34.	12 11 40 00		
35.	12 11 90 20		
36.	12 11 90 60		
37.	13 02 11 00		
38.	13 02 19 10		
39.	29 39 91 10, in addition to other relevant headings		
40.	31.01	Animal or vegetable raw natural organic fertilizer	GATT Art. XX(b)
41.	12 11 90 90	Goro nut	GATT Art. XXI
42.	12 11 90 90	Betel	GATT Art. XX(b)
43.	22.03	Alcoholic beverages and intoxicants of all kinds, including those containing alcohol in any intoxicating proportion	GATT Art. XX(a)
44.	22.04		
45.	22.05		
46.	22.06		

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S. No.	HS Code	Description	WTO Justification
47.	22 07 20 90		
48.	22.08, except 22 08 90 11 and 22 08 90 19		
49.	24 03 99 20	Tobacco snuff – Tobacco "sawika"	GATT Art. XX(b)
50.	25 24 00 00	Asbestos and products thereof	GATT Art. XX(b)
51.	ex 29.31	Sarin toxic gas	GATT Art. XX(b)
52.	30 06 80 00	Industrial waste and hazardous refuse	GATT Art. XX(b)
53.	36 04 10 00	Fireworks of the kind used by children such as snaps, rockets, sulfuric jitters and night stars, etc., falling within this scope	GATT Art. XX(b)
54.	40.12, except 40 12 90 00	Used and rethreaded tyres	GATT Art. XX(b)
55.	49 01 99 10	The Holy Quran	GATT Art. XX(a)
56.	49 07 00 11	Saudi Arabian stamps	GATT Art. XX(d)
57.	49 09 00 20	Greeting cards with electric circuit	GATT Art. XXI
58.	49 11 10 90	Coupons of Hadi (sacrificial animals)	GATT Art. XX(d)
59.	49 11 10 90	Blank invoices of foreign companies abroad	GATT Art. XX(d)
60.	85 12 30 00	Security car radar detection equipments	GATT Art. XXI
61.	85 28 12 99	Satellite internet receiver	GATT Art. XXI
62.	85 29 10 00	Satellite internet receiver	GATT Art. XXI
63.	85 31 80 90	Apparatus releasing sounds of police car sirens or of some animals	GATT Art. XXI
64.	ex 87.01	Damaged vehicles, and right-hand drive vehicles	GATT Art. XX(b)
65.	ex 87.02		
66.	ex 87.03		
67.	ex 87.04		
68.	ex 87.05		
69.	ex 87.09		
70.	ex 87.11	Two, three and four wheeler children's motor cycles or vehicles	GATT Art. XX(b)
71.	90 13 10 00	Binoculars in which electric circuit is used	GATT Art. XXI

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		and it directly projects red light on the target	
72.	93 02 00 00	Revolvers and pistols in the shape of mobile	GATT Art. XXI
73.	93 04 00 90	phones, lighters, pagers, pens or other pistols	
74.	93 07 00 90		
75.	95 03 80 00	Remote control airplanes and parts thereof	GATT Art. XXI
76.	95 03 90 00	Noise-making pistols and guns, and toy pistols similar in shape to real pistols	GATT Art. XXI
77.	97 05 00 00	Mummified animals	GATT Art. XX(a)
78.	Different Headings	All foodstuff containing animal blood in their manufacturing	GATT Art. XX(a)
79.	Different Headings	Drink having description of Zamzam	GATT Art. XX(a)
80.	Different Headings	All types of machines, equipment and tools for gambling or games of chance	GATT Art. XX(a)
81.	Different Headings	Kuwait and Iraq war leftover equipment and machinery	GATT Art. XXI
82.	Different Headings	Publicity material for cigarettes of any kind	GATT Art. XX(b)
83.	Different Headings	Products polluted by radiation or nuclear dust (e.g., watches of trademark Trophy)	GATT Art. XX(b)