

**TRADE FACILITATION SERVICES
GUIDELINES FOR THE TRADE**



**KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA
Pre-shipment Verification of Conformity to KSA**



This data sheet has been prepared specifically in respect of exports to KSA

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1. PRODUCT CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT

PROGRAM NAME	Certificate of Conformity for Shipments: Food Products
PROGRAM MANDATED BY	Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA)
IMPLEMENTATION DATE	01.01.2020
PROGRAM OBJECTIVES	Assess and verify compliance of Food and Beverages that will be exported to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in accordance with the regulations, rules, specifications and conditions approved by SFDA.
VERIFICATION PROCESS	<p>Based on the documents, SGS will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify the conformity of the goods to the updated SFDA standards/technical regulations and requirements • Perform physical inspection on the products • Perform physical inspection of the container/ transportation medium of the goods in terms of physical condition and hygiene • Along with physical inspection sample collection is carried out from each container/transportation medium of shipment. The sampling process will follow specific product standards/SFDA requirements. Samples are marked with SGS reference/sample sticker (the sticker serial number will be considered as the 'reference number') and transferred to sterile single-use bags • Sampling for testing will be done based on the risk of the product category. Batch-wise testing is mandatory for all the consignments • Seal the carton from which samples are removed using SGS Tape • Fill in the 'sampling receipt' form which includes full details of sample collected, seal number, etc. • Every batch detail included in the consignment is to be captured along with the production expiry and updated in the inspection report

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attaching copy of sampling receipt to the inspection report • Attaching copy of the sample-receipt with the collected sample which serves as reference document for the testing laboratory • Handover samples to client for testing. Testing is to be carried out at a ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory • On availability of passing test results, SGS inspector supervises container loading, ensures only batches examined and captured during initial inspection is loaded and seals the container • Issuance of CoC (Certificate of Conformity). The CoC shall include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Full reference and traceability to samples drawn (sample reference number) for testing ▪ Seal numbers (each container) • Issue NNR (Non-negotiable report) if the test reports are found failing • Provide SFDA with daily reports
<p>ROUTES</p>	<p>Route A: Non-registered products – It involves pre-shipment inspection and pre-shipment testing of products. Physical inspection carried out to verify the labeling/marketing, storage, and other visual verification.</p>
<p>APPROVED LABORATORY</p>	<p>Testing to be as per SFDA requirements from SFDA approved labs / ISO/IEC 17025 accredited labs only</p>
<p>DOCUMENTATION</p>	<p>Exporter submits to SGS the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for Certification and Declaration of Conformity • Commercial Invoice • Documents: Ingredient list with concentrations, Certificate of Analysis/Test report {batch-wise}, product labels/artworks, Hygiene certificate • SFDA Registration number for product • Test reports from SFDA-approved labs / ISO/IEC 17025 accredited labs only • Company's Quality Management System documents (ISO 9001, ISO 22000, GMP, HACCP, any FSMS certification or likewise) • Halal Certificate from SFDA-approved bodies (as applicable) • Slaughter Certificate from SFDA-approved bodies (as applicable) • Certificate of Origin (as applicable) • Health Certificate (as applicable) • Establishment Registration (Mandatory for Fishery products, poultry products, meat products, and honey products, for Egypt-origin products – frozen and processed vegetables and fruits, milk and milk products)
<p>CERTIFICATE</p>	<p>A Certificate of Conformity (CoC) is issued to evidence the compliance of the shipment.</p>

OTHERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is also required that all food & beverage products shall have SFDA Registration Numbers available Establishment Registration is mandatory for establishments exporting meat, fishery products, and chicken meats. Also, starting from 1st June 2021, Establishment registration is mandatory for honey products and also for Egypt-origin products – frozen and processed vegetables and fruits, milk and milk products Saudi Customs prohibited items can be checked using the below link: https://eservices.zatca.gov.sa/sites/sc/en/tariff/Pages/TariffPages/TariffSearch.aspx SFDA circulars on food updates/recalls/bans/warnings available at: https://www.sfda.gov.sa/en/circulars?tags=1 https://www.sfda.gov.sa/en/regulations?tags=1 https://www.sfda.gov.sa/en/Guide?tags=1 https://www.sfda.gov.sa/en/decisions SFDA standards webstore link: https://mwasfah.sfda.gov.sa/Standard/Search
SGS COVERAGE	Global

2. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS	
ARE USED PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO THE PROGRAM?	No
REGULATED PRODUCTS	N/A
REQUIREMENTS TO ELECTRIC PLUGS	N/A
LABELLING & SHELF-LIFE REQUIREMENTS	<p>All food products should have marking/labeling requirements as per updated requirements of SFDA 9.</p> <p>Detailed marking requirements as per product category should be available on specific food products.</p> <p>Shelf-life requirements of food products shall be as per regulation SFDA. FD 150-1:2021; SFDA. FD/GSO 150-2:2013</p>
FLOOR VALUE	N/A

3. FEES
For the fee details please contact us with the email in below signature

4. REGULATED PRODUCTS
All food & beverages



5. SGS CONTACT LIST: available at [SGS website](#)

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