

# SAUDI ARABIA PRODUCT CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM FOR COSMETIC PRODUCTS



## THE PROGRAM

The Saudi Food and Drug Authority "SFDA" has appointed **SGS Société Générale de Surveillance SA** to provide Conformity Assessment services for the import of cosmetic and personal care products into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

## THE OBJECTIVES

The Saudi Food and Drug Authorities launch this program with the aim of ensuring the conformity and the compliance of cosmetics and personal care products imported in the Kingdom, to the rules and regulations applicable by the Authority and to ensure their safety and suitability for use.

## THE PROCESS

Exporters will submit SGS the following documents to initiate the process:

- Request for Certification and Declaration of Conformity
- Proforma Invoice
- Conformity documents (test reports, quality certificates, analysis reports, etc.) from ISO 17025 accredited labs or SGS labs
- Company's Quality Management System documents (ISO 9001, GMP certification).

SGS will verify the conformity of the documents / goods to the applicable SASO Standards and Technical Requirements to organize (depending on the certification scheme) the physical inspection of the cargo and, if necessary, taking samples for testing.

After the verification process, including physical inspection, is completed with satisfactory results the exporter will have to supply the Final Invoice to allow the issuance of the Certificate of Conformity (CoC).

The Certificate of Conformity is a necessary document to import goods into Saudi Arabia and to clear goods through Customs.

Products having any medical or therapeutic claim will not be released by Saudi customs unless they are registered with SFDA as medicines.

## SGS SERVICES

SGS has extensive experience in managing conformity assessment programmes around the world. In Saudi Arabia, where we've been operating for the last seven years, we offer efficient, comprehensive & tailored solutions to the exporters and make sure their shipments are in conformity with Saudi Arabia standards and Regulations.

Depending on the selected certification route, one or a combination of the following activities is undertaken by SGS:

- Physical inspection in the exporting country
- Sampling and testing in accredited laboratories
- Audits of product manufacturing processes
- Documentary verification

## WHY SGS?

As the world's leading inspection, Verification, Testing and Certification Company we provide competitive advantage and deliver trust. Recognized as the global benchmark for quality and integrity, SGS employs more than 75,000 employees and operates a network of over 1,500 offices and laboratories around the world.

SGS has the advantage to offer a "One-stop-Service" delivering customized services through 10 business lines across 10 geographical regions.

In addition to Saudi Arabia (SASO) SGS is currently active in Conformity Assessment programs on behalf of government authorities in a number of countries such as Algeria, Botswana, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Kurdistan, Kuwait, Mongolia, Nigeria, Qatar, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

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