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**Certification Scheme of Packaging CACSM02S07**

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# Scope

This document aims to explain the steps followed by CAC for certification of Packaging products that need to access the Saudi market Via SABER online platform.

This scheme applies to all types of packaging products made of plastics, paper, cardboard, glass, wood or textiles for use in packing, protecting, handling and displaying goods.

# Terms and Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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| Term | Definition |
| SASO | Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization |
| Standard | A document specifying the characteristics of the good, material or service, or everything that is subject to measurement, its description, characteristics, quality level, dimensions, measures, or safety and security requirements therefor. It also includes terms, symbols, test methods, sampling, packaging, labels and marks. |
| Conformity Assessment Procedures | A document approved by the Board of Directors explaining the procedure used, directly or indirectly, for conformity assessment. |
| Accepted Bodies | The conformity assessment bodies that have been accepted by SASO according to the list of acceptance of conformity assessment bodies. |
| Certificate of Conformity | The certificate issued by SASO or one of the accepted bodies confirming the conformity of the product or any batch thereof to the requirements of the relevant standards. |
| Product | plastics, paper, cardboard, glass, wood or textiles for use in packing, protecting, handling and displaying goods |
| Label | Information shown on the product, as specified in the relevant standard. |
| Product/relevant standard  | Saudi (SASO) Standard - Gulf Standard (If SASO standard is not available) - ISO Standard (If GSO standard is not available) - European or American Standard (If ISO standard is not available) - Jordanian Standard (If European or American standard is not available) - Manufacturer Specifications (If Jordanian standard is not available)  |

# Product Certificate of Conformity Activities for Packaging Products

For packaging products, CAC follows the certification process according to the specified requirements of Scheme type (Type 1a) described in Product Certification Procedure Via SABER Platform No. CACSM02P08 to ensure the fulfilment of the product/relevant standard(s***) (Related standard(s) of packaging products is SASO Standard - GSO Standard (If SASO standard is not available) - ISO Standard (If GSO standard is not available) - EN or ASTM Standard (If ISO standard is not available) - Jordanian Standard (If EN or ASTM standard is not available) - Manufacturer Specifications (If Jordanian standard is not available))***.

The product technical requirements depend on the exact details of the product, but in general, the following is required:

* The products meet the technical requirements contained in the product ***related*** standards ***as shown above***.
* The main physical properties of the product, including: quantitative weight, dimensions, thickness, tensile strength and elongation, color; shall be checked.
* Compliance with SASO standards for packaging safety, including harmful substances and durability testing.
* The packaging products shall meet the environmental, chemical safety and metrological requirements set in ~~relevant~~ ***product related*** standards.

Products with the Saudi Quality Mark or its equivalent are considered to comply with the requirements stipulated in this Scheme.

The certificate is issued electronically on the Saber platform and the certificate template according to the scheme owner’s (SASO).

More details about the conformity assessment activities for scheme Type 1a are shown in Product Certification Procedure Via SABER Platform No. CACSM02P08.

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# Marking

 Marking of packaging products intended to be placed on the market, shall be as follows:

* It shall meet the marking requirements contained in the ~~relevant~~ ***product related*** standards.
* The products shall contain explanatory data written in a legible and non-erasable manner, and the manufacturer may estimate the text and font sizes that are compatible with the product sizes.
* The data shall be written in Arabic,it is permissible to write it in another language in addition to Arabic, and what is written in Arabic will be taken into account.
* All information mentioned in the label shall be correct, proven and checkable.
* The images and expressions used on the package of the product or on the product itself shall not violate the public order, public morals and Islamic values prevailing in the Kingdom.

# Shipment Certificate of Conformity Activities for packaging Products

Shipment Certificate of Conformity (SCoC) shall be issued for each shipment that need to export into the Saudi market.

Every packaging product included in the shipment will be verified by CAC to ensure there is an existing valid PCoC for the product. If a valid PCoC is confirmed, a SCoC is issued. The process includes the following steps:

- Importer sends online request, via SABER, to obtain SCoC for importing products into KSA

- CAC verifies if there is a valid PCoC for every packaging product

- If PCoC is verified, the CAC confirms in SABER that it has been found to be true

- SCoC is issued online in SABER, valid for that specific shipment only.

Required Documents:

• Product Certificate of Conformity.

• Commercial invoice, packing list, bill of lading, or airway bill.

The shipment certificate is issued electronically on the Saber platform and the certificate template according to the scheme owner’s (SASO).

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# Related Documents

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| Document Name | Document Number |
| Product Certification Procedure Via Saber Platform | CACSM02P08 |