

**Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization  
(SASO)**

**Data Registration Procedures and the Issuance of Energy Efficiency Card  
for Vehicles and Tires**

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**Note:**

**Only the Arabic version of this Regulation is authentic in law and is  
applicable where there are differences with this translation**

## Article (1): Terms and Definitions

Terms and expressions hereunder –shall have the meanings indicated in front thereof, unless the context otherwise requires:

- **SASO:** Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization.
- **Center:** Saudi Energy Efficiency Center.
- **Products:** Vehicles and tires to which the Board of Directors decides to apply the provisions of this regulation.
- **Model:** A category of the product with the same physical properties (shape, capacity, size...) and specific technical properties, and has a special number, which will be used as a reference for each product that is licensed to use the card.
- **Establishment:** Any entity having a legal status that produces, imports, sells or distributes any of the products to which the provisions of this regulation apply.
- **Manufacturer:** The establishment that produces vehicles or tires or both for export and sale in Saudi Arabia.
- **Card:** Energy efficiency card for vehicles and tires, used for the consumer, installed on the product to indicate the level of energy consumption.
- **Accredited Laboratory:** Any laboratory certified by the Saudi Accreditation Committee in Saudi Arabia, or by a member of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation from outside the KSA, or by a certified body of the European Economic Commission (UNECE), or the accreditation body in the country where the laboratory is located.
- **Certificate of Accreditation:** A certificate stating that the laboratory is accredited in the field/areas of testing it conducts on the products in accordance with the requirements of this regulation.
- **Test report:** A technical report issued by the accredited laboratory stating the results of the product test in accordance with the requirements of this regulation.
- **Electronic Portal for Issuance of the Energy Efficiency Card for Vehicles and Tires:** An electronic program that manufacturers and suppliers use to enter the vehicles and tires data for issuing of the energy efficiency card.
- **Fuel Economy Portal:** An electronic program that collects vehicle data from manufacturers for use in calculating the energy efficiency performance of companies.
- **Relevant Regulations:** Statutory provisions regulating the trade of goods, which aim to prevent fraud, mislead, misuse of marks or licensing, or otherwise.

## Article (2): Scope

The provisions of this regulation apply to the establishment that submits a request to SASO to obtain a license to issue a fuel economy card for vehicles or an energy efficiency card for tires. This regulation shall also apply to vehicle manufacturers aiming to register at the Fuel Economy Portal.

### **Article (3): Liability**

The beneficiary establishment of this regulation shall bear the full responsibility for the compliance with its provisions. In case of any violation for the provisions of this regulation, the sanctions prescribed by law shall be applied on the establishment.

### **Article (4): Steps to Register an Accredited Laboratory**

The accredited laboratory may be licensed to issue fuel economy test reports for vehicles and tires, and the license period is two years, extendable, by the following steps:

- 1- Applying to SASO for the registration of the accredited laboratory.
- 2- Attachment of a certificate of accreditation of the laboratory covering the field of testing for the license application.

As part of the registration procedure, SASO has the right to take any of the following actions:

- a) Inspection and evaluation of the laboratory, including access to conduct tests.
- b) Request testing for reference samples of the product for comparing test results.
- c) Request to update the registration data two years after the date of the laboratory registration, or upon change in the data provided in the registration application.

### **Article (5): Requirements to Obtain a License to Use the Card and Data Register**

SASO shall grant the license to use the card and use the fuel economy portal for the establishment when the following conditions are fulfilled:

- 1- Local establishments wishing to issue the card/import the product shall be officially registered in the Ministry of Commerce and authorized to carry out such activities in accordance with Saudi Arabian legislations.
- 2- International establishments wishing to issue the card or register at the e-portal shall be one of the manufacturers of vehicles and tires.
- 3- The product shall be in conformity with the relevant Gulf and Saudi technical regulations.
- 4- The establishment shall provide SASO with any data it requests for the product and facilitate the task of obtaining a representative sample of the model when necessary, to verify the extent of compliance with the relevant standards, at its expense.
- 5- The establishment shall acknowledge the validity of all the data it provides to SASO and take responsibility of such acknowledgement. The submission of the form to SASO in any of the available methods (whether on paper or electronically) is considered an acknowledgement.
- 6- The use of the card shall be limited to the products and models described in the license.

## **Article (6): Steps to Apply for a License to Use the Card and Fuel Economy Portal**

Establishments wishing to obtain a license to use the card and shall take the following steps:

- 1- Apply to SASO for each model of the products to be licensed.
- 2- Attachment of a valid Gulf certificate of conformity for each model of products to be licensed and registered.
- 3- Attachment of test reports indicating that the tires comply with Saudi technical regulations and the technical regulation for the card by an accredited laboratory, with a valid copy of the certificate of accreditation.
- 4- Complete the forms described in the fuel economy portal and provide SASO with any additional data or documentation, upon request.

## **Article (7): Procedures to Grant the License to Use the Card and Registration in the Portal**

SASO shall perform the following procedures to grant the license:

- 1- Study the application submitted and the results of the tests.
- 2- Inform the establishment in writing or electronically in case of rejection to use the card or register at the portal, with the reasons clarified.
- 3- Granting the license to use the card and to register at the portal upon completion of all required procedures.
- 4- The validity period of the license to use the card is 12 Gregorian months, except in the years when the regulations are updated and the license expires at the beginning of enforcement of the updated regulation.

## **Article (8): Registration of the Supply Plan for Vehicles Exported by each Company to the KSA**

- 1- Each manufacturer shall register the vehicle supply plan for the KSA as described in the technical regulations.
- 2- SASO shall examine the plans for approval.
- 3- Companies shall be informed of any notes either electronically or in writing.

## **Article (9): Card and E-Portal Licensing Costs**

1. The Establishment undertakes to pay all costs associated with the licensing procedures as follows:

- a- Study of an application for registration of a tire model and review the attached documents (2,000 SR).
- b- Study of an application for registration of a vehicle model and review the attached documents (5,000 SR).
- c- Review the issuance of the energy efficiency card for a tire model (500 SR).
- d- Review of the issuance of the fuel economy card for a vehicle model (500 SR).
- e- Review the supply plan of the manufacturer of vehicles (15,000 SR); in case of submitting the supply plan after the date specified in technical regulation no. 2864/2015, the cost to study the supply plan shall be (150,000 SR).

2. SASO has the right to withdraw samples from random consignments of imported or locally manufactured products in order to test such samples in a certified laboratory. The establishment shall bear the costs of sampling and testing.

### **Article (10): Violations and Penalties**

1- Any of the following practices is considered a violation to the provisions of this regulation:

- a- Use of the card on any of the products or models without obtaining a license from SASO.
- b- Continuance of using the card on any product or model after the license is annulled or expired.
- c- Continuance of publishing or advertising in any of the media regarding the use of the card for products for which a decision has been issued to revoke the license.
- d- Removal, tampering, or concealment of the label on products during the sale of the product.
- e- Insertion of incorrect data into the portal or in the card.

2- In case of a violation to the provisions of this regulation, the establishment shall be subject to the penalties stipulated in the relevant systems/regulations issued by the Ministry of Commerce.

### **Article (11): General Provisions**

The establishment may submit a new request to obtain any of the licenses after elimination of the reasons that lead to the rejection of the pervious application, and after the necessary corrective actions have been made. The establishment shall be responsible for any additional expenses.

- 1- The establishment has the right to use the card to advertise the licensed products in any of media during the period of validity of the license, in accordance with the contents of the license.
- 2- SASO shall examine the complaints received regarding products licensed to use the card, and verify the validity of such complaints, and take the necessary regulatory actions in case of any violations.
- 3- SASO has the right to annul the license to use the card or the e-portal, if the establishment violates any of the provisions herein, and shall take the regulatory actions to ensure the preservation of the rights of SASO.
- 4- The Ministry of Commerce or SASO shall oversee products licensed to use the card in markets, and shall validate the application of the instructions contained in this regulation.
- 5- SASO has the right to examine the data provided on the e-portal in order to verify its authenticity and to reject applications in the event of any errors or violations.
- 6- Validity of the license to use the card is one year, in case of any modifications to the product during the license period, the license shall be void and shall not be used; otherwise, the establishment shall be subject to the penalties stipulated in the relevant regulations.
- 7- SASO, exclusively, have the right to interpret the articles herein. All beneficiaries of the application of this Technical Regulation shall adhere to the interpretations issued by SASO.