KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA
Product Conformity Programme
SALEEM SABER

Sunchine Inspection's rich experience and in depth grasp of SALEEM-SABER Program ensure your products comply with Saudi Regulations.

Sunchine Inspection

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Introduction

المواصفات السعودية
Saudi Standards

Instituted in 1974, The Saudi Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) is a government body entrusted with all matters and activities related to standardisation, metrology and quality in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia..

As part of the transformation programme vision 2020-2030 was implemented the Saudi Product Safety Programme (SALEEM) with objective to make sure that all imported products to Saudi Arabia met Saudi Standards and the Technical Regulations developed by SASO, therewith protecting the safety and health of consumers as well as the environment from hazardous, unsafe, counterfeit and potentially dangerous products.

To efficiently implement the SALEEM Programme, SASO intiated SABER System, a website portal for the compulsory registration of every product imported to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the issuance of Product Shipment Certificate.

Sunchine Inspection is approved and authorized by SASO to issue the mandatory product certificate (PCoC) for the exports of regulated products to Saudi Arabia from Asia and Australia.

Our mandate involves undertaking conformity assessment activities for importers and exporters and issuing relevant certificates of conformity on SABER platform for regulated products which comply with KSA SABER & SALEEM requirements

Every shipment of regulated products entering into Saudi Arabia should be accompanied by a Shipment Certificate of Conformity (SCoC) which is compulsory for Import Customs Clearance. In case of the absence of a valid SCoC certificate, Saudi Customs will reject the consignment at destination and the shipment will be returned.

 Sunchine Inspection is committed to be one of the most trusted Inspection, Testing, Certification Company, to help importers and exporters ensure the product quality, safety and compliance and so contributing to bring up Transparency, Trust and Safety in trade globally.

With Sunchine inspection 's SABER/SALEEM consignment conformity assessment services, you ensure that your products comply to all regulatory requirements of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

SASO/SALEEM Programme Scope

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia requires SASO technical regulations to apply to all product shipments entering their country. Consequently, all products bound to Saudi Arabia should be duly registered on the SABER/SALEEM platform and accompanied by a Certificate of Conformity (SCoC) for both non-regulated and regulated products. In addition, for regulated products, any export consignment to Saudi Arabia should have also a Product Conformity Certificate (PCoC) issued by a SASO Notified Certification Body for regulated products.

On January 1, 2019, The Saudi Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) officially launched the Saber electronic platform for its Saudi Product Safety Programme (SALEEM) which the aims of easing and accelerating procedures for the entrance of products into the KSA market in coordination with the Saudi Customs and at the same ensuring that products are free from defects that may affect the health and safety of the consumer.

On January 15, 2020, the Saber certification replaced the old SASO certification system, and all products can be successfully registered and cleared by implementing the SABER certification.
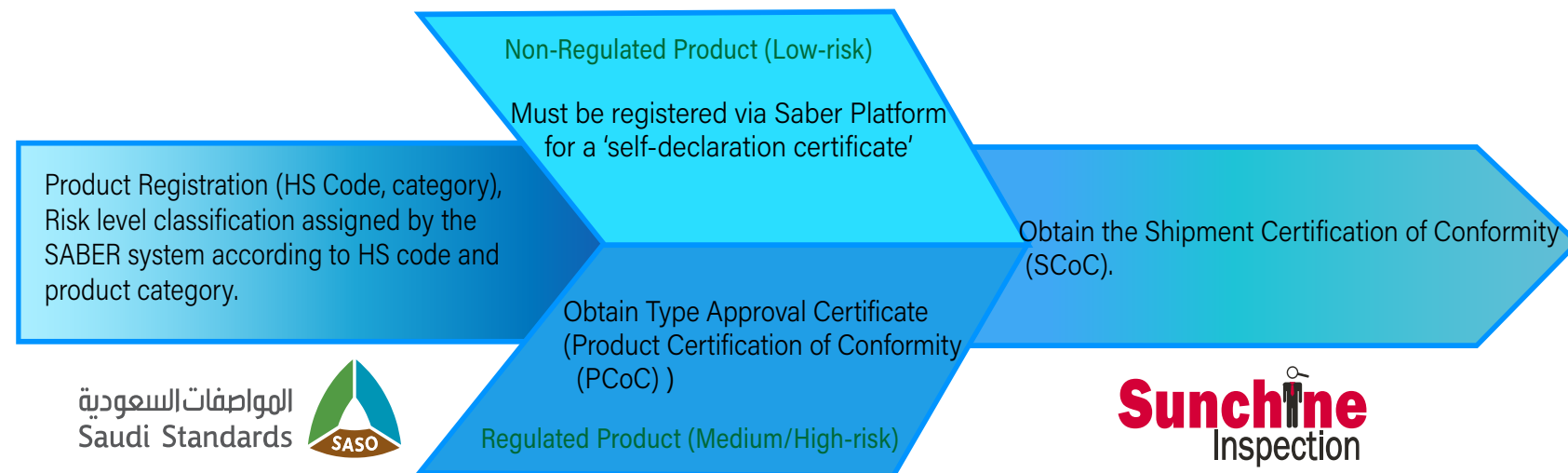
All exports to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) are subject to mandatory certification under the SABER SALEEM program enforced by the Ministry of Investment(MISA) through the responsibility of the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO).

The Saber certificates are used to clear the consignments from the customs.

Here the link to access to the Saber Electronic Platform, register your products and certificates of conformity and also access to the list of the conformity assessment bodies accepted by the Saudi Organization for Standardization, Metrology, and Quality locally and internationally.
.https://saber.sa/

SABER TERMINOLOGY

➤ **Non-Regulated Products:**

Non-regulated products are not included in technical regulations. However, since January 2021, every imported or local non-regulated product must be registered for self-declaration through the Saber platform, demonstrating their origin and compliance with SASO's applicable regulations and then, will be issued a Shipping Compliance Certificate.

Photos of non-regulated products registered on SABER shall be mandatory uploaded starting on 15th of December 2022.

➤ **Regulated Products:**

Regulated Products fall within specific technical regulations defined per categories and based on the level and severity of risk (medium and high).
Here you can find the up-dated information about the SASO Approved regulations for the affected product groups (45 in total actually):
https://saber.sa/home/regulations

➤ **Product Certification of Conformity (PCoC):**

This Saber Certificate of Conformity is issued to register a product and is valid for one year. Obtaining the PCoC certificate is mandatory only for regulated products. Once the regulated product has achieved Product Conformity Certification (PCoC), it will then be qualified to apply for Shipping Conformity Certification (SCoC).

➤ **Shipment Certification of Conformity (SCoC):**

The Shipment Certification of Conformity (SCoC) is mandatory to issue for every consignment of Regulated and Non-Regulated products. It shall be valid for one shipment only.

➤ **SASO Approved Certification Body:**

Certification body notified by The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organisation (SASO). Sunchine Quality Control Technology Service Co., Ltd., is an approved SASO Certification body as notified Saudi SASO / Saber Certification Body.(CB No. P-CB 0542).
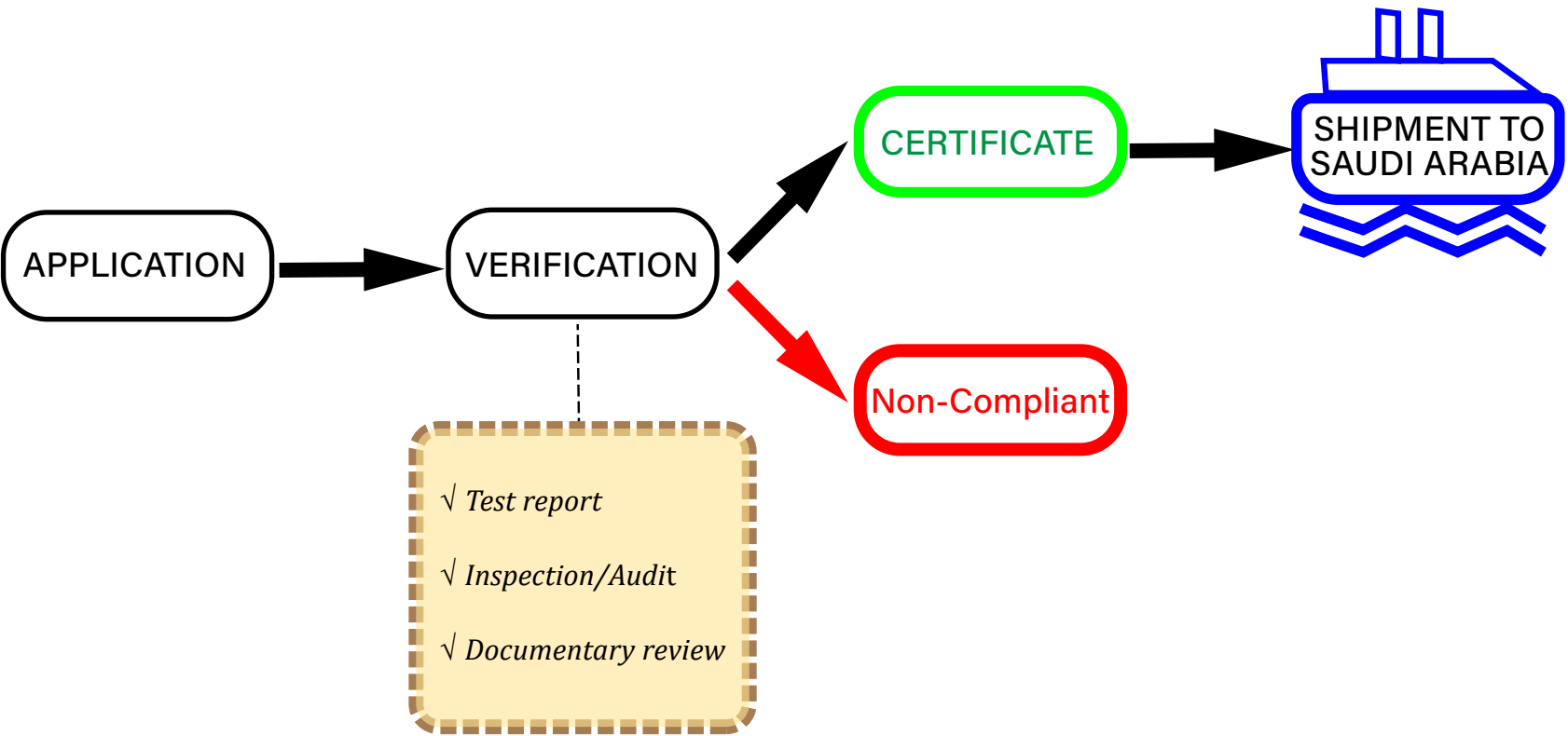
Sunchine SASO Accreditation Scope

As one SASO Accredited Certification Body (CB) for the Saudi Standards Organisation (SASO), Sunchine Inspection has a scope of accreditation (P-CB 0542 of 05/11/2023) that covers all the following Saudi Technical Regulations (TR).

Technical Regulations Categories	
S. N°	**Saudi Technical Regulations**
1	Sectors of Metals and their Alloys for Buildings and Construction
2	Insulation and Building Cladding Materials
4	Bricks, Tiles, Ceramics, sanitary, Ware and Related Products
5	Pipes used in Water, Construction and Gas Networks
6	Doors, Windows and Accessories
7	Paints (Dyes) and varnishes
8	Lubricating Oils
9	Detergents
10	Glue and Adhesive Materials
12	Packaging
13	Portable and/or Hand-Oriented Machines
14	Mobile Machinery and Heavy Duty Equipment
16	Cutting and Sawing Machines
17	Drilling and Digging Machines
18	Self-Balancing Boards (Scooter)
20	Footwear and their Accessories

Technical Regulations Categories		
S. N°	**Saudi Technical Regulations**	
21	Textile Products	
22	Simple Pressure Vessels	
23	Fire Control Materials and Equipment	
24	Paper and Cardboard	
25	Electric Batteries	
26	Telecommunication Device	
27	Auto Spare Parts	
28	Electrical Lifts used in Buildings and Facilities	
29	Amusements, Parks Games and Devices	
30	Personal Protective Equipment and Clothing	
33	Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS)	
34	Fireworks	
35	Ornaments and Accessories	
36	Food Safety of Tools and Appliances in the Kitchen	
44	Leathers Products	
45	Child Restaraint Systems and Strollers	
46	Escalators and Moving Walkways	
GSO Technical Regulations		
2	Low Voltage Electrical Equipment and Appliance	COC (SASO Scheme)

Certification process

APPLICATION → VERIFICATION → CERTIFICATE → SHIPMENT TO SAUDI ARABIA

VERIFICATION → Non-Compliant

√ Test report

√ Inspection/Audit

√ Documentary review

A Product Certification of Conformity issued by an " accredited and notified certification body" recognized, approved and registered by The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organisation (SASO) like Sunchine Inspection is mandatory for all regulated products imported into Saudi Arabia.

Sunchine Quality Control Technology Service Co. Ltd, brand name Sunchine Inspection, was recognized on June 30th, 2022, by SASO as Conformity Assessment Body to issue the Product Certificate of Conformity (PCoC) for export of regulated products from Asia and Australia Area into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Effective as from November 05th, 2023, Sunchine Inspection Quality Control Technology Service C0., Ltd.'s accreditation scope as SASO approved Certification Body (P-CB 0542) is expanded from 16 to 34 Technical Regulations Categories (TR) as listed in the two previous pages of this brochure.

Our company Sunchine Inspection has acquired along the years a strong knowledge of product and testing compliance and has in-depth grasp and understanding of the Implementation of SALEEM-SABER Program. All documents provided by every client are scrutinized and assessed by our consulting and technical teams and a dialogue with the client is established within hours after receiving his /her request.

Our teams of experts have the technical competencies and capability to provide you a full and efficient support all along the certification process, helping you and your organization to through the process of conforming to Saudi Arabia technical Regulations and Requirements.

After confirming that your products meet Saudi Arabia, Regulatory Standards requirements , Sunchine technical experts issue the SASO Certificate of Conformity ensuring a smooth customs clearance process.

Partnering with Sunchine means short lead times and benefiting from our efficient, comprehensive and tailor-made solutions and ensure that your shipments bound to Saudi Arabia comply with all applicable requirements.

https://saber.sa/home/Details/1258.

How Sunchine Inspection can facilitate your exports to KSA

- Managing your company registration process on Saber platform.

- Registering in the SABER electronic system all the products you plan to enter into the Saudi local market.

- SALEEM/SABER conformity assessment process and procedures.

- Factory Auditing (Mandatory for High Risk products which are Children products and Underwear).

- Issuing Product Certificate of Conformity (PCoC).

- Issuing Shipment Certificate of Conformity (SCoC).

- Tailor-Made Non-Stop Solutions including all the above services and more.

- SALEEM/SABER sensitization programs for Manufacturers, Importers and Exporters.

Documents required in the Product Registration Process

(if proceeded by the Sunchine Inspection on importer request)

1. Power of attorney, signed and sealed by the importer.

2. Registration application form for the product model required for registration.

3. The Company Business License of Exporter and Importer.

4. Account number and password of SABER platform.

5. Trademark photos for each model of product.

6. Photo of the Product (at least six face photos per product) and packaging photos.

Documents required for Product Certification Process

1. RFC (Request for Certification Form).

2. Technical Documentation.

3. Test reports issued by an ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory.

4. Instructions.

5. Provide photos with product packaging, label, identification, power plug (if involved).

6. Business registration certificate of the importer.

7. Energy Efficiency Certificate (if applicable).

8. G-mark Certificate (if applicable).

9. IECEE Certificate (if applicable).

Step 1 - Importer Registration on Saber Platform

✓ Registering importer information in Saber platform.

✓ Importer has to assign contact officers.

Step 2 - Adding the Products on Saber Platform

All products, notwithstanding of whether they are Non-Regulated or Regulated, should be registered in the Saber platform.

✓ Adding Products information as well as photos in the Saber Platform.

✓ For every added product must be provided the detailed product information and photos (at least six faces photos per product) and packaging photos.

✓ Products are classified to Non-Regulated and Regulated based on the product HS code.

Step 3 - Request and Issuance of the Product Certification of Conformity (PCoC)

The Regulated products only (Medium- and high-risk products governed by SASO Technical Regulations) require a PCoC.

✓ For regulated products, the importer proceeds to request with the SASO certification bodies to issue a Product Certificate.

✓ Once specified, a list of SASO Certification Bodies notified for the same Technical Regulation is presented, the importer has to appoint a Certification Body (CB) such as Sunchine Quality Control Technology Service (SQCT) for issuing the Product Certificate.

✓ The Certification Body (in this instance SQCT) contacts the importer to arrange the activities required for Conformity Assessment.

✓ The importer must provide technical documentation (such as product photos, technical documents and test reports issued by an ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory, etc. Required documentation varies depending on product type.

✓ Once the Certification Body has completed its assessment procedure and found the product conforming to the requirements, The Product Certification of Conformity (PCoC) is issued. The validity of the PCoC is for 1 year.

✓ If the product obtained an equivalent certificate, the PCoC is still required.

Step 4: Shipment Certificate of Conformity (SCoC) Request and Issuance (Mandatory for Regulated and Non-regulated Products)

✓ Shipment Certificate of Conformity (SCoC) is mandatory and shall be issued for each shipment of both regulated and non-regulated products.

✓ For Non-Regulated products, the Certificate of Conformity (SCoC) is obtained after SASO's approval of the importer "self-declaration" filled by the importer on Saber platform.

✓ Regarding regulated products, uniquely those products which have obtained Product Certificate of Conformity (PCoC) are entitled to be added for the Shipment Certificate (SCoC).

✓ Importer has to provide details of every of the products included in the consignment such as invoice, packing list, certificate of origin, Barcode as well as bill of lading.

✓ Concerning regulated items in the invoice, SABER will send the request to the certification body who issued the Product Certificate of Conformity (PCoC) to perform conformity assurance activities for regulated items included the invoice.

✓ The Certification Body (CB) will have to assess the compliance of the product and then upon satisfactory results the CB will issue the Shipment Certificate of Conformity (SCoC).

Shipment Certificate of Conformity (SCoC) for Saudi Arabia

The SASO Product Certificate of Conformity (PCoC) is a mandatory certificate which applies to all regulated products intended for sale in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia either locally manufactured or imported. It can be issued exclusively via SABER Electronic Platform and is valid for one year from the issuance date.

About Sunchine Inspection

Sunchine Quality Control Technology Service , brand name Sunchine Inspection, is an efficient and fast-expanding third-party inspection and certification company engaged in quality inspection, testing and certification of import and export commodities.

Founded in 2007 in Nanjing, Sunchine Inspection ranks among the most trusted third party inspection companies in China and Asia and is now also providing its services across Africa, America and Europe, serving over 1,500 regular clients from all continents in many different industries including textiles, clothing & apparels, footwear, bags & luggage,household & office furniture, rugs & carpets, furnishing & decorative items, office supplies, kitchenware, electrical & electronic products, household lightning equipment, sport, fitness and recreational products, children products and toys, electric vehicles, building materials, industrial equipment, agricultural products, foods and others.

Sunchine Inspection is a Full Member. of the TIC Council. The company is certified and accredited by all China and international recognized organizations such as AQSIQ/GAC (No:613), CNAS ISO/IEC 17020: (NO:IB0715), ISO/IEC 17065 (PCA-151), Gafta Approved Superintendent and approved and authorized by several countries to issue the Shipment Certificate of Conformity.

The report of Sunchine Inspection is approved and authorized by more than 100 countries through agreement of ILAC-MRA.

Sunchine Inspection is committed to be one of the most trusted Inspection, Testing, Certification Companies to help importers and exporters ensure the product quality, safety and compliance and so contributing to bring up Trust and Safety in trade globally.

For further information about our SASO services or quotation request, please feel free to contact us. We usually respond to every message within one working day maximum.. For urgent inquiries, contact us on: 0086-25-68093658.

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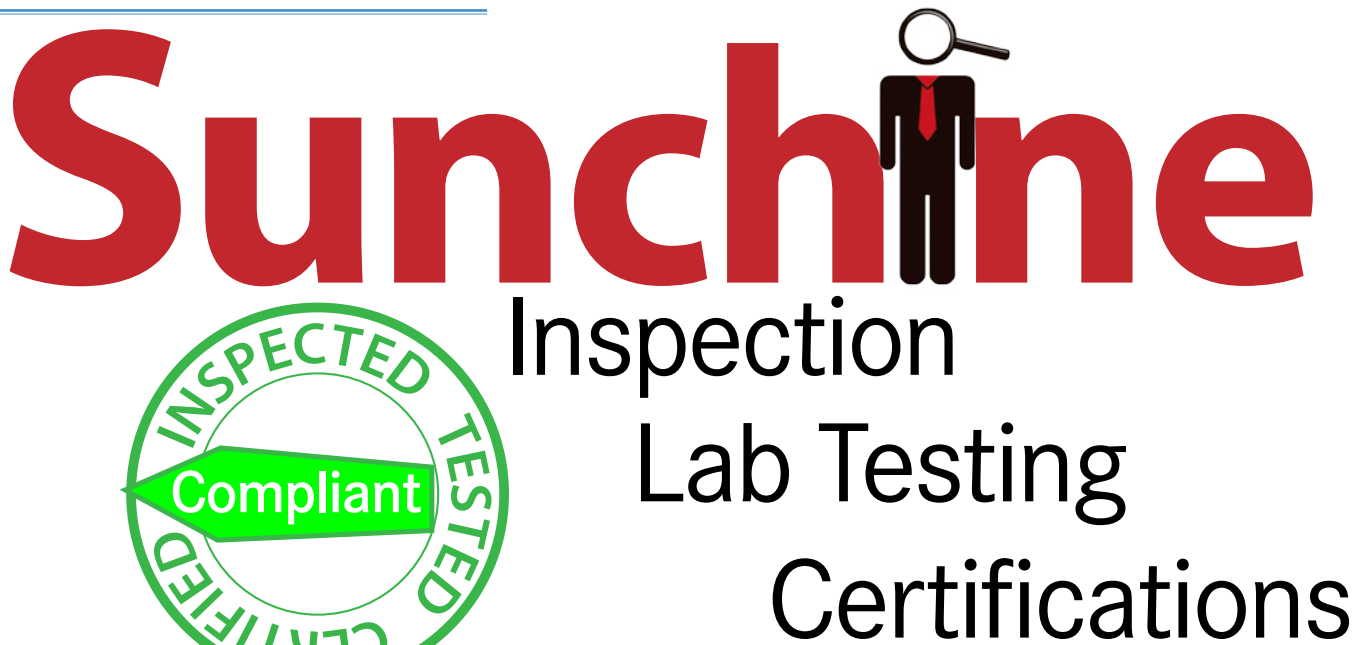
Saudi Arabia Asia Import Market

Saudi Arabia 's main import country is China. More than 27,000 million USD importation happens every year from China to Saudi Arabia.

Textiles and Clothing:

In 2020, Saudi Arabia imported $7.32B in Textiles. At the same year, Textiles was the 6th most imported product in Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia imports Textiles primarily from: China ($3.6B), United Arab Emirates ($751M), Turkey ($530M), India ($497M), and Bangladesh ($253M).

The fastest growing import markets in Textiles for Saudi Arabia between 2019 and 2020 were Hong Kong ($80.3M), Jordan ($26.4M), and Pakistan ($23M).

Machinery Import:

Most imported machinery to Saudi Arabia are: moving, grading, scraping and boring machinery (up 177.3%), centrifuges, filters and purifiers (up 32.2%) then piston engines (up 17.6%) grew at the fastest pace from 2020 to 2021.

Machinery related to agriculture are mainly imported from India.

Electrical Electronic Products:

Saudi Arabia 's total import of Electrical, electronic equipment from China was US$7.15 Billion during 2020.

Saudi Arabia's Electrical, electronic equipment Imports from China	Value
Transmission Apparatus For Radio telephony, TV, Cameras, Cordless Telephones	$3.38B
Electrical Apparatus for Line Telephony or Line Telegraphy	$1.47B
Television Receivers	$384.16M
Electric Heaters; Other Electrothermic Appliances	$320.23M
Microphones, Loudspeakers, Headphones	$170.31M
Electromechanical Domestic Appliances, Self-contained Electric Motor	$154.54M
Electrical Transformers, Static Converters and Inductors	$142.58M
Electrical Apparatus for Switching or Protecting Electrical Circuits	$129.28M
Insulated Wire, Cable and Other Insulated Electric Conductors	$118.73M

Part 6

Some information about Saudi Arabia Import Market

For information about Saudi Arabia import market overview, you can refer to the following links:

https://tradingeconomics.com/saudi-arabia/imports-by-country

https://tradingeconomics.com/saudi-arabia/imports-by-category

https://oec.world/en/profile/country/sau