



الهيئة السعودية للمواصفات والمقاييس والجودة
Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Org.

Saudi Standardization Journey Towards Globalization

By
Dr. Saad Alkasabi
Governor

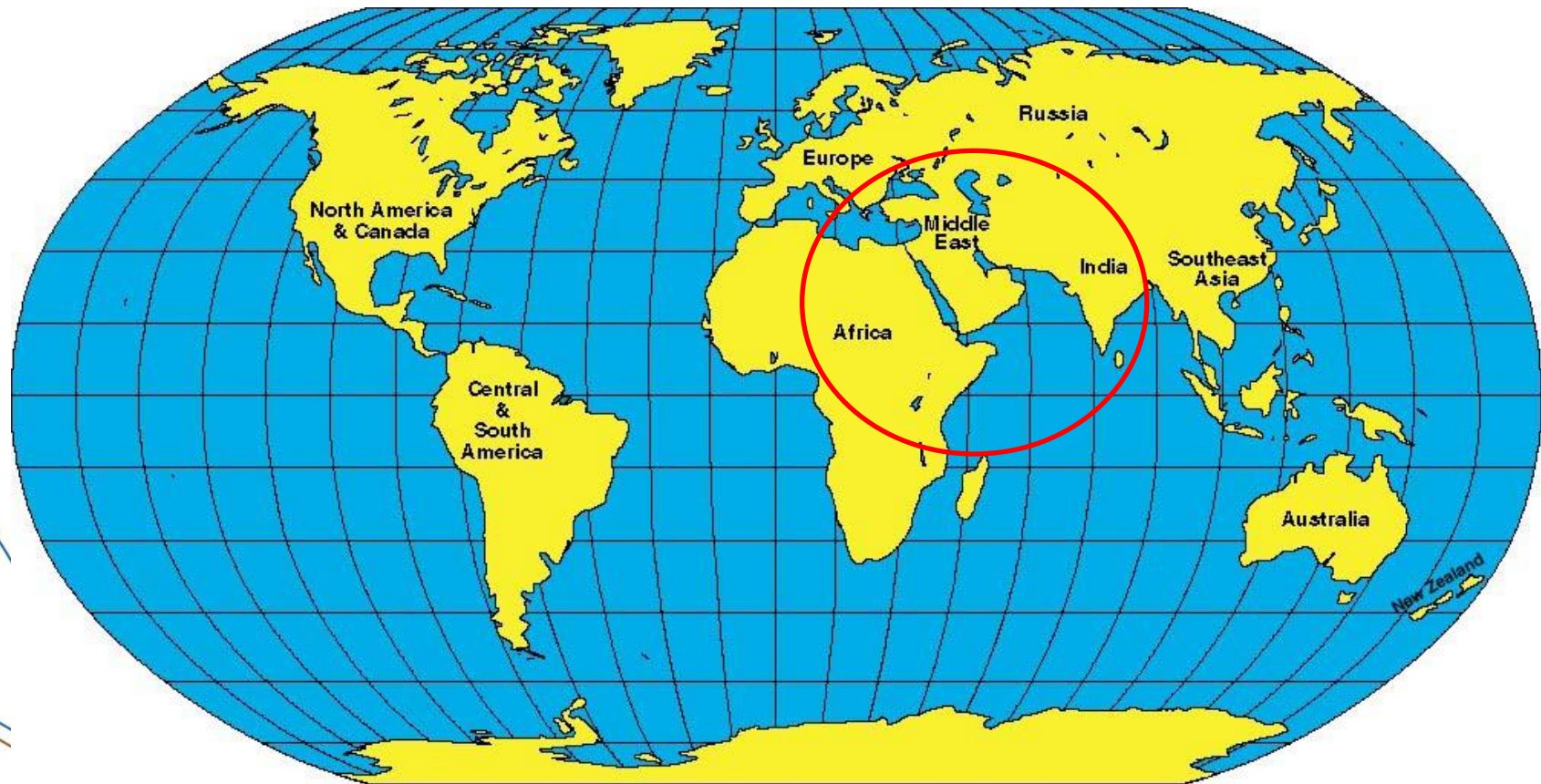
Geneva, Switzerland
WTO, 29 September 2015

Economic Figures About Saudi Arabia



الهيئة السعودية للمواصفات والمقاييس والجودة
Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Org.

- KSA GDP: \approx \$ 746.25 Billion
- KSA economy is oil-based characterized by a major concentration of exports on a single resource.
- KSA have launched many initiatives towards diversification of its economy, particularly through focusing on industry development, and mineral resources.
- Clear focus on Strengthening the role of the private sector, through encouraging its participation in various socio-economic development projects.

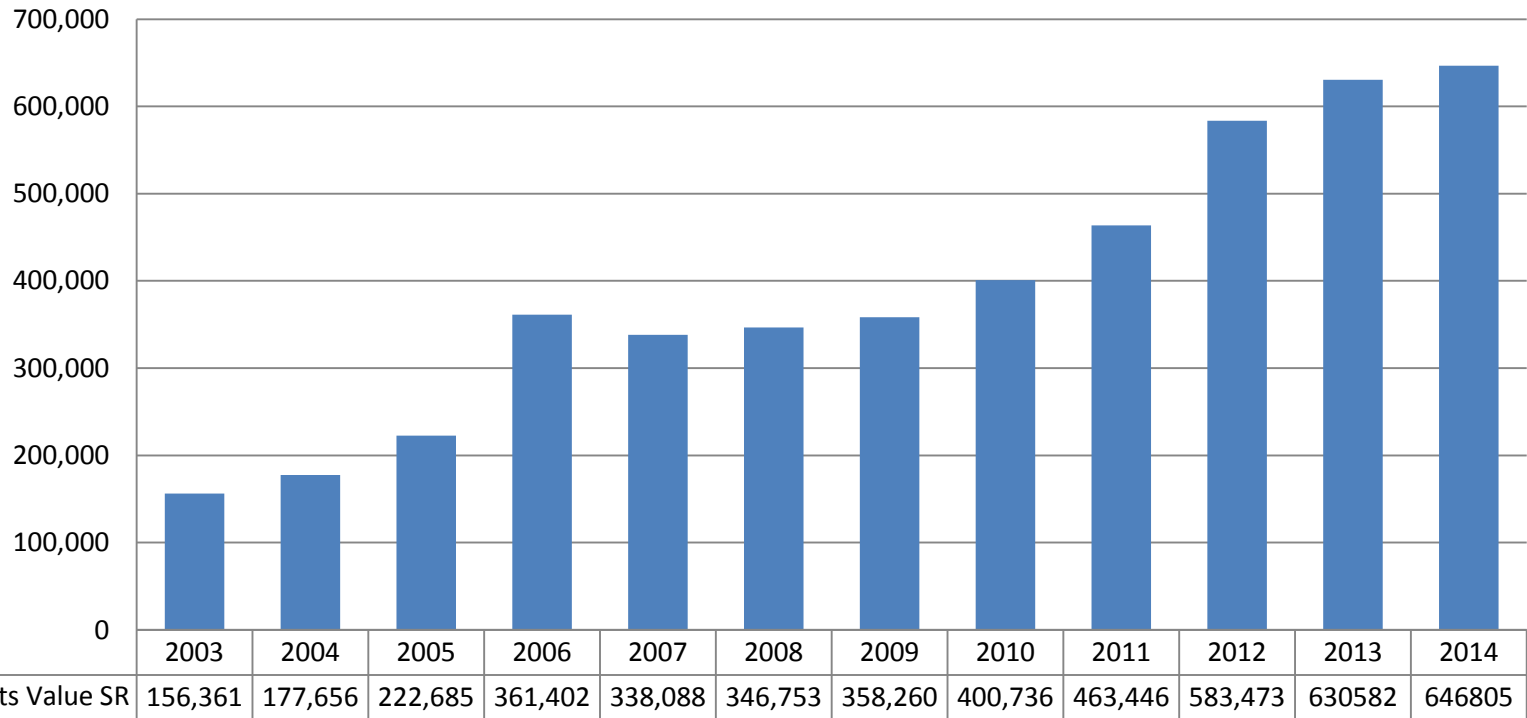






الهيئة السعودية للمواصفات والمقاييس والجودة
Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Org.

Growth in Imports





الهيئة السعودية للمواصفات والمقاييس والجودة
Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Org.

About SASO

- Established in 1972 as an Independent Government Body Responsible for all Standardization Activities, under the Name of Saudi Arabian Standards Org. (SASO)
- In charge of Development, Approval and Publishing of National Standards and Technical Regulations
- Oversees the National Measurement & Calibration Center (NMCC)
- Host King Abdulaziz Quality Award (KAQA)
- Enquiry Point for TBT (WTO) & In Charge of Notifications

SASO's Mission



الهيئة السعودية للمواصفات والمقاييس والجودة
Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Org.

Our Mission:

*To Improve standards and quality of products & services,
aiming at strengthening consumer protection and the
improving the competitiveness of the national economy*

SASO's Vision



الهيئة السعودية للمواصفات والمقاييس والجودة
Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Org.

Our Vision:

To Achieve regional leadership & scientific reference in the fields of standardization and conformity assessment.

SASO in Figures (cont'd)



الهيئة السعودية للمواصفات والمقاييس والجودة
Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Org.

- SASO has signed Technical Cooperation Programs with about **35** NSBs and SDO's all over the world
- **14** Mutual Recognition Programs (MRP's), signed with counterpart institutions in other countries.
- **94** National Laboratories have been Accredited by the Saudi Accreditation Committee (SAC)

SASO Presence in Regional and International Standardization Institutions



الهيئة السعودية للمواصفات والمقاييس والجودة
Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Org.

SASO is a Member of the following Orgs.:



SASO's Actions for the Accession of the Kingdom



الهيئة السعودية للمواصفات والمقاييس والجودة
Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Org.

- Because SASO is the National Standardization Body in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, it was a permanent Member of the Saudi team for the Accession.
- Since the early stages of Accession; we started reviewing our activities and evaluating how to make it in line with the requirements of the TBT.
- A Task Force was formulated for this mission.

SASO's Actions for the Accession of the Kingdom (Cont'd)



الهيئة السعودية للمواصفات والمقاييس والجودة
Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Org.

- The Task Force prepared an Action Plan that was submitted to WTO with Document No.: WT/ACC/SAU/41
- The Action Plan resulted a Technical Directive consisted of 4 parts:
 1. Standardization and Related Activities – General Vocabulary
 2. Policy for the Preparation of Saudi Mandatory Standards (Saudi Technical Regulations) and Saudi Voluntary Standards.
 3. Conformity Assessment Procedures.
 4. Preparation for SASO's Information Center to Work as an Enquiry Point.

SASO's Actions for the Accession of the Kingdom (Cont'd)



الهيئة السعودية للمواصفات والمقاييس والجودة
Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Org.

- The Technical Directive was approved by SASO Board of Directors on July, 2000.
- It was circulated to Members of WTO on October, 2000.
- Comments on the Directive were received from Members.
- An Updated version of the Directive was developed (taking in consideration the comments received) and approved by the Board on July, 2005.
- The Directive was re-circulated to Members of WTO and was praised



الهيئة السعودية للمواصفات والمقاييس والجودة
Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Org.

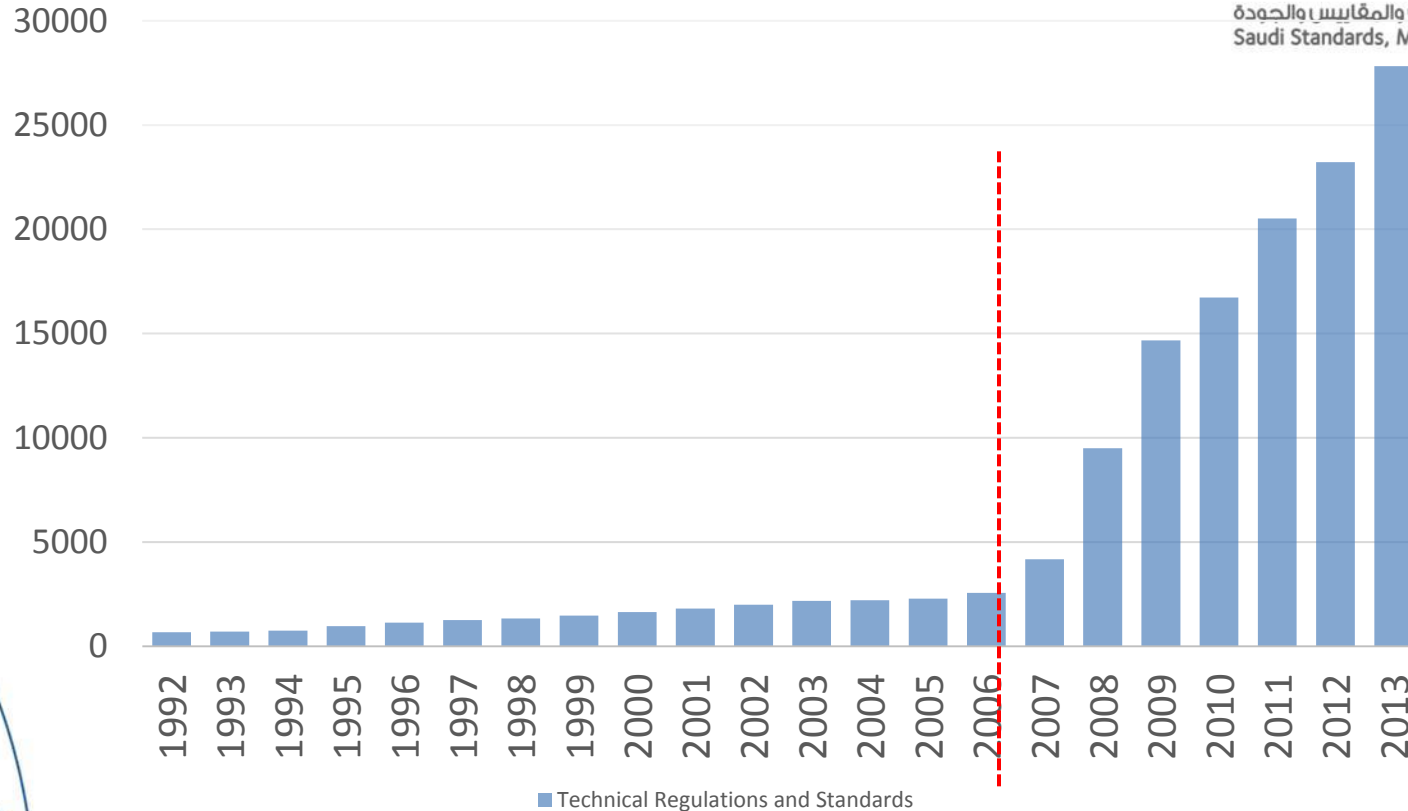
SASO's Actions for the Accession of the Kingdom (Cont'd)

- The Accession of the Kingdom as we all know was on 11/12/2005.
- Since that date, SASO standardization strategy has significantly shifted towards the adoption of International standards (e.g. ISO, IEC.)
- SASO is a Member of the Trade Policy Review of the Kingdom.

Growth in SASO Standards



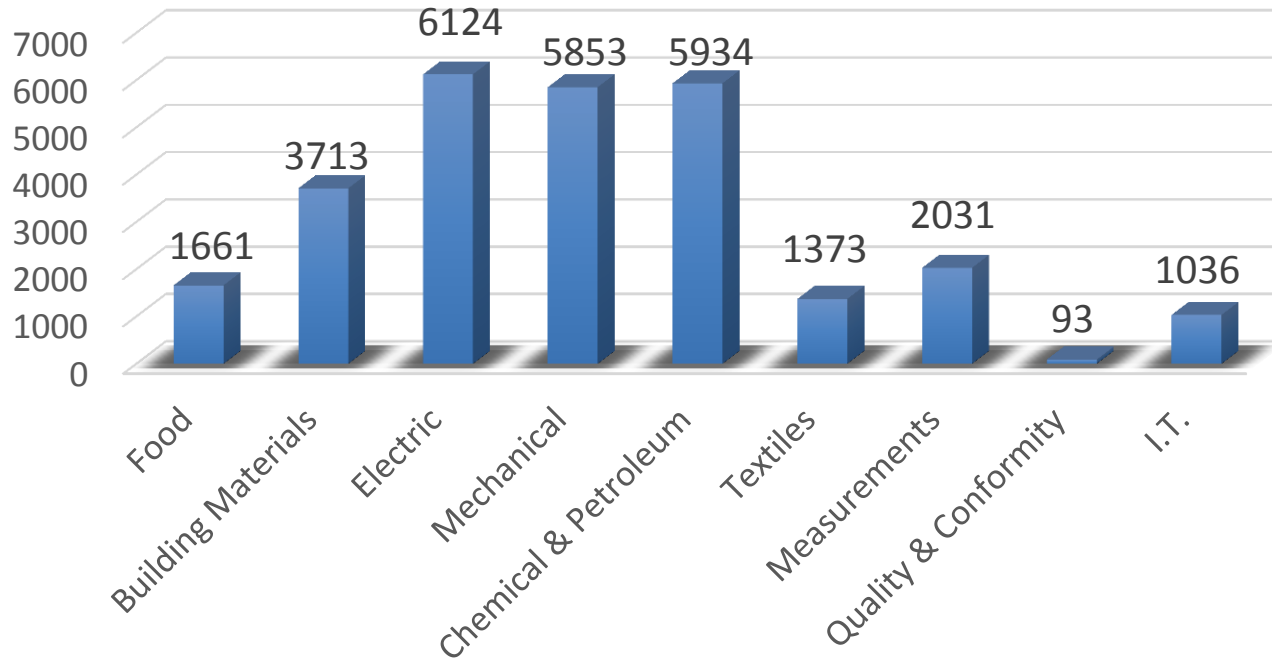
الهيئة السعودية للمواصفات والمقاييس والجودة
Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Org.



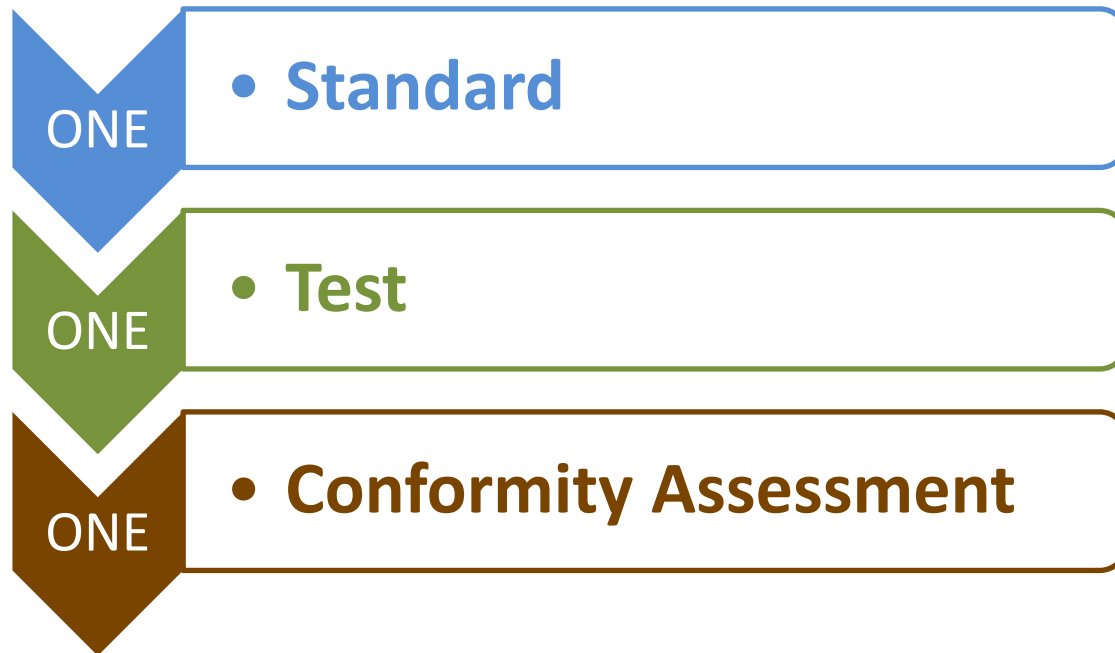
SASO Standards Distribution



الهيئة السعودية للمواصفات والمقاييس والجودة
Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Org.



The 1-1-1 Dream



Done Once ... Done for All



Thank You

www.saso.gov.sa

SASOGOV



facebook



You
Tube