

# OFFICE OF TEXTILES AND APPAREL (OTEXA)

## Market Reports Textiles, Apparel, Footwear and Travel Goods

### Saudi Arabia

**The following information is provided only as a guide and should be confirmed with the proper authorities before embarking on any export activities.**

#### Import Tariffs

Saudi Arabia is a member of the [Gulf Cooperation Council \(GCC\)](#), which consists of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE. As a member of the GCC, Saudi Arabia implemented the Unified Customs Law (ULC) in 2003 to facilitate regional trade. In accordance with the ULC, Saudi Arabia imposes a five-percent tariff on the cost, insurance, and freight (c.i.f.) invoice value of most imported products. However, the Saudi government applies up to a **15-percent tariff on certain textile, apparel, footwear and travel goods products.**

#### Saudi Arabia: Tariffs (percent ad valorem) on Textile, Apparel, Footwear and Travel Goods

	HS Chapter/Subheading	Tariff Rate Range (%)
Yarn		
-silk	5003-5006	5
-wool	5105-5110	5
-cotton	5203-5207	5
-other vegetable fiber	5306-5308	5
-man-made fiber	5401-5406/5501-5511	5 - 12
Woven Fabric		
-silk	5007	5
-wool	5111-5113	5 - 15
-cotton	5208-5212	5
-other vegetable fiber	5309-5311	5
-man-made fiber	5407-5408/5512-5516	5 - 12
Knit Fabric	60	5
Non Woven Fabric	5603	5 - 12
Industrial Fabric	59	5
Apparel	61-62	5 - 12
Home Furnishings including: bed, bath, kitchen linens, etc.	63	5 - 15
Carpet	57	5 - 15
Footwear	64	5 - 12
Travel Goods	4202	5 - 15

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For information on local customs requirements and documentation, see:  
[Saudi Arabian Department of Customs](#)

#### Technical Regulations and Standards

Effective February 23, 2019, the Technical Regulations of Textile Products (13.02.1439H, 8/24/2018) published by the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) identifies the basic requirements and determines conformity assessment procedures with which suppliers must comply when selling textile products in Saudi Arabia.

The following documentations shall be provided with textile products:

- Conformity declaration of the supplier (manufacturer / importer) in accordance with Annex 12 of the Technical Regulations.
- Product Safety Test Report regarding safety from hazardous chemicals.

The supplier responsible selling the product in the Saudi Arabian market shall obtain a certificate of conformity issued by a notified body based on the following product types:

- Type 3 for children's products and underwear
- Type A1 for textile products other than children's products and underwear

For more details see [Technical Regulations of Textile Products \(13.02.1439H, 8/24/2018\) in Arabic](#).

Textile products designed for medical purposes or that have medical claims are subject to the requirements and regulations of Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA), are excluded from SASO textile technical regulations.

### Restricted Substances

The Technical Regulations of Textile Products (13.02.1439H, 8/24/2018) specify requirements for the protection of the environment and the health of the consumer against risks from color fastness of physical properties and chemicals used in textile products when they are in direct contact with skin or close to it. The listed chemical substances are classified as CMR, vPvB, PBT, as well as a broad set of substances including formaldehyde, phenols, heavy metals, hazardous dyes, flame retardants, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, chlorinated organic compounds, phthalates and organotin compounds.

### Local standards organization and other resources:

- [Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization - SASO](#)
- [GCC Standardization Organization](#)

## Labeling

The Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) is responsible for establishing labeling and other guidelines in Saudi Arabia.

Textile products must be labeled and conform with the technical requirements listed in the Technical Regulations of Textile Products (13.02.1439H, 8/24/2018). The following information shall be included on the label, which shall be legible, visible, clear, and written in Arabic or in Arabic and English.

- Fiber composition, described by the name listed in the regulation and by mass percentage
- Product weight, size or dimension
- Supplier name and commercial registration on the external packaging
- Country of origin
- Care instructions

For more details see [Technical Regulations of Textile Products \(13.02.1439H, 8/24/2018\) in Arabic](#).

**For additional information on exporting textiles, apparel, footwear and travel goods, click [here](#).**

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