

FAQS ABOUT SAUDI COSMETICS PROGRAMME

1. What does SFDA stand for?

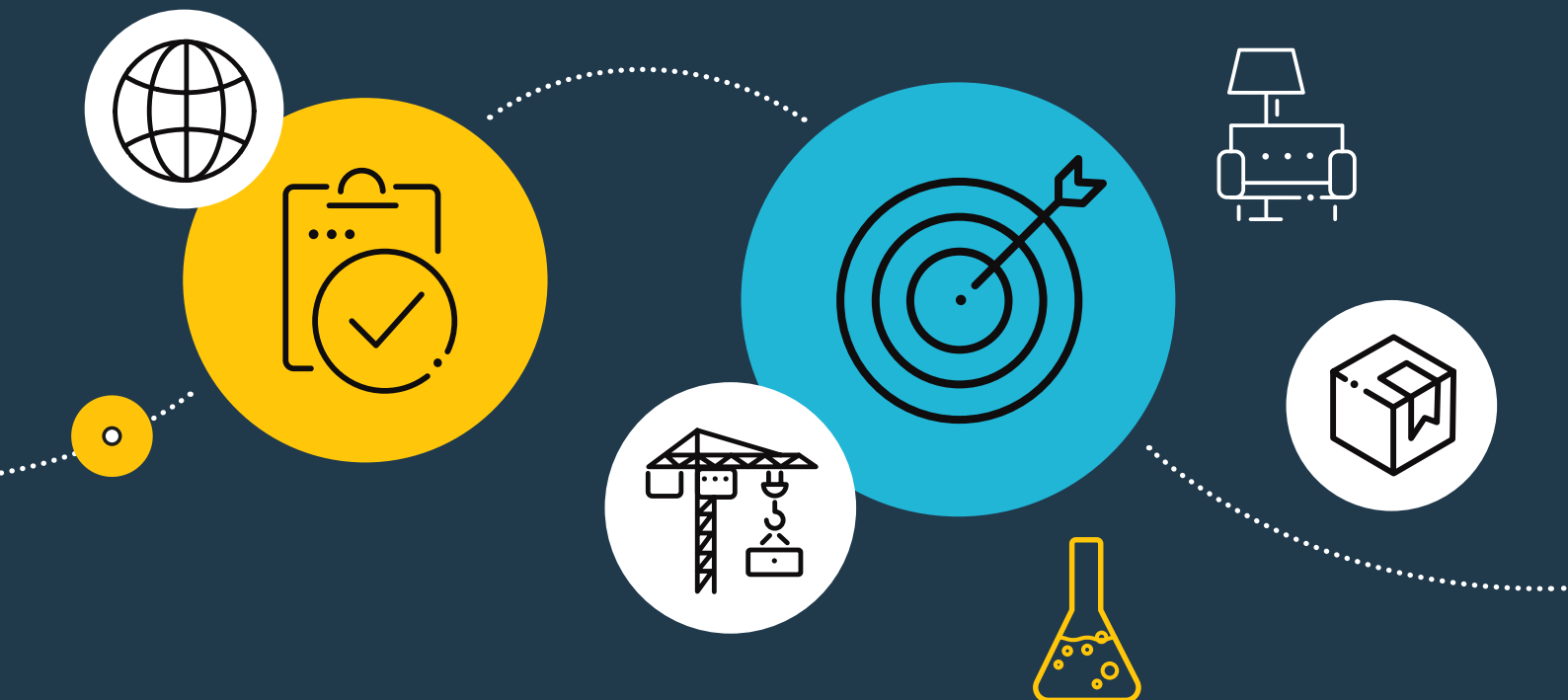
SFDA is an acronym for the Saudi Food & Drug Authority, the government Authority in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), responsible for enacting and achieving enforcing the policies and procedures for the regulation of Food, Drugs for Humans and Animals, Medical Devices, Biological and Chemical Substances such as Cosmetics, Pesticides, and Tobacco in the KSA

2. What is the main objective of the SFDA Cosmetics and Perfumery Products Certification Programme (CPPC)?

The SFDA CPPC is a product conformity assessment scheme with the main objective of ensuring that Cosmetic and Perfumery products imported to the KSA comply with the requirements mandated by SFDA.

3. What is the role of Intertek in the importation of Cosmetics and Perfumery Products into the KSA?

Intertek is an internationally renowned third party Certification Body (CB) approved by the SFDA to perform conformity assessment and to issue Certificates of Conformity (CoCs) for Cosmetic and Perfumery product shipments that are destined to the KSA. The conformity assessment for cosmetic & perfumery products is done in accordance with the standard GSO 1943 "Cosmetic Products- Safety Requirements of Cosmetics and Personal Care Products" and other SFDA requirements and circulars..



4. What is FASEH?

FASEH is an online single-window system launched by SFDA for receiving requests for the Certification of Cosmetic and Perfumery Product consignments from KSA Importers and for the issuance of CoCs. This single-window system has been mandatory since 2021.

5. What tasks can be undertaken in the FASEH System?

The FASEH System is currently configured by SFDA with a basic functionality as listed below with a scope for future enhancements at a later stage:

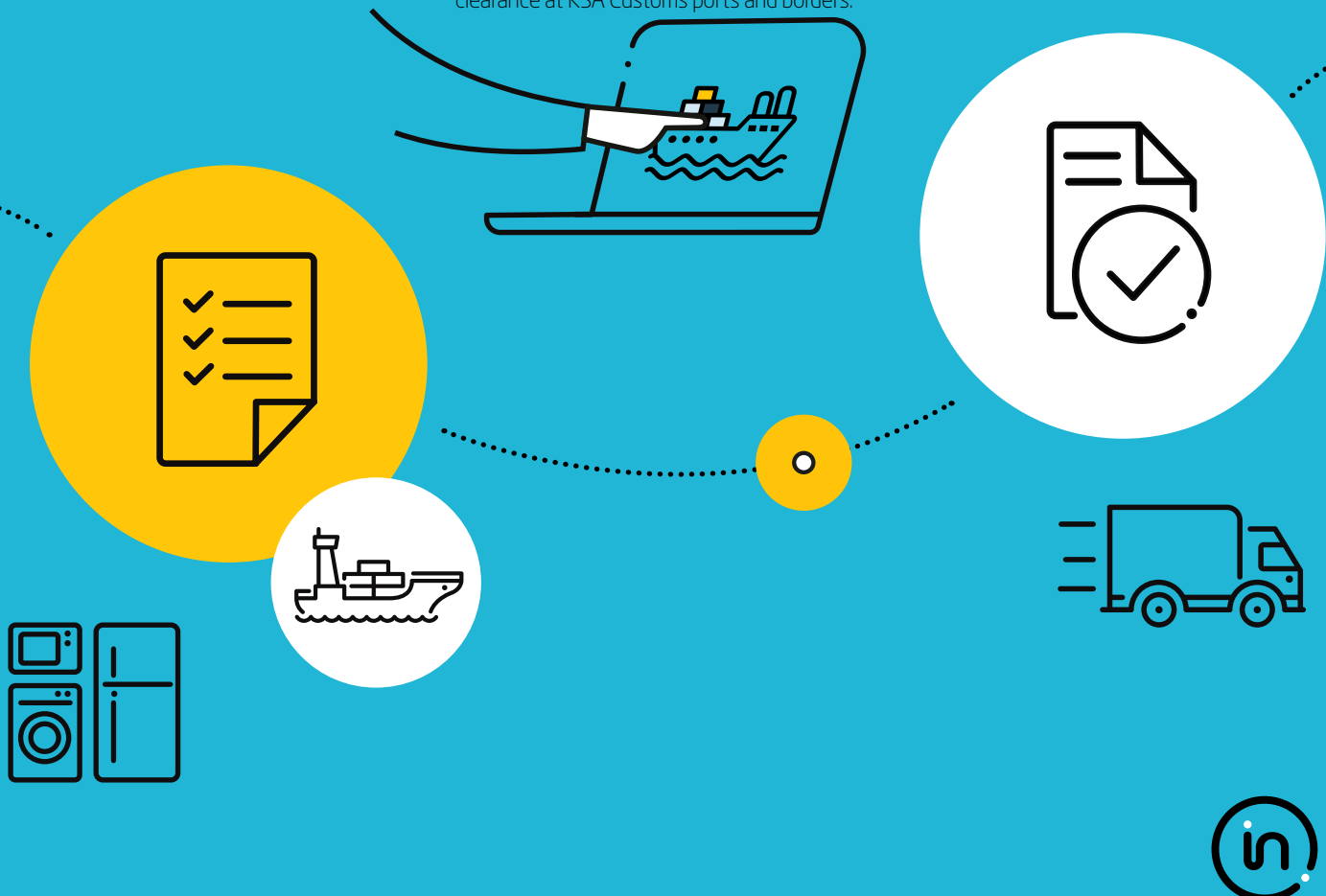
- Importer or their authorised representatives can raise request for CoC for consignments of Cosmetic and Perfumery Products destined to KSA
- SFDA authorised CBs such as Intertek can receive and process such requests and generate the CoCs through the FASEH System.

7. What are "Contact Officers" in the FASEH System?

"Contact Officers" in the FASEH system are those additional personnel who are nominated by the Importer within their respective primary accounts to perform applicable tasks in the FASEH System on their behalf. Importers can nominate Intertek as Contact Officer to facilitate the raising of the shipment certification requests in the FASEH System on their behalf.

6. Is it mandatory for CoCs to be issued through the FASEH system?

Yes. CoCs must be issued through the FASEH System at present. CoCs generated outside the FASEH system cannot be used for clearance at KSA Customs ports and borders.



8. How can Importer nominate a Contact Officer?

Importers can create a sub-account linked to an e-mail address of their authorized representative under their primary account in the FASEH System in order to nominate a Contact Officer.

9. What information is mandatory in the FASEH System while applying for CoC?

The following Shipment information related to the Cosmetics and Perfumery product consignments is required at the time of requesting shipment certification in the FASEH system.

- Shipments Policy date/AWB date
- Country of Supply
- Arrival Port in KSA
- Lot No.
- Shipment Invoice No.
- Shipment Invoice Date
- HS Code (per product)
- Product description
- Product Quantity
- Weight (per product)
- Measurement Unit of the Product
- GHAD No.
- Batch No. (per product)

10. What is GHAD

GHAD is an electronic Cosmetic notification system implemented by SFDA to regulate manufacturing, importation and marketing of cosmetic products in the KSA. Since March 2023, it replaces eCosma notification that was earlier mandatory from 2016.

11. What is GHAD notification?

The GHAD system is divided into many sections, including manufacturer notification and product notification. The first step in the GHAD notification/ listing process is the creation of user account. Once this step is completed and required information is obtained, the user can initiate the process of cosmetic product notification through the GHAD system.



12. Is there a link between FASEH System and GHAD platform?

Yes, FASEH System is linked to the GHAD platform. While searching a product in FASEH during data entry stage, only those products that are already notified on the GHAD platform can be selected for certification and hence, only GHAD notified products can be certified in FASEH.

13. Is the GHAD notification process mandatory?

Yes, the GHAD notification process is fully implemented since 2023 and is mandatory for any Cosmetics and Perfumery products placed in the Saudi marketplace. The notification/listing reference numbers are mandatory in order to obtain a CoC for the import of such products into the KSA.

14. Who is responsible for the notification process?

GHAD process has to be initiated by the local Importers/Distributors. The website address is <https://GHAD.sfd.gov.sa/en/>



15. Can Intertek provide GHAD notification services to Clients?

Yes, Intertek has a dedicated team that can provide expert consultancy services to Applicants for facilitating GHAD notification for their Cosmetics and Perfumery Products and Manufacturing locations.

16. How can Intertek support Exporters/ Importers for the GHAD Notification process for Cosmetic and Perfumery Products?

Intertek can support Exporters/Importers in facilitating the GHAD Notification by:

- Providing information to Exporters/ Importers regarding GHAD process.
- Initiating the notification process on behalf of Exporters/Importers. For this purpose, the Exporters/Importers should contact Intertek Offices in their countries and nominate them as Contact Officers in GHAD for an Intertek user in addition to providing an authorization letter to Intertek to proceed with GHAD process on behalf of Exporters/Importers. Additional documents and manufacturer information may be requested.

17. Is the CoC still requested even when the products will be subject to GHAD notification process?

The CoC is still mandatory for each shipment of Cosmetic and Perfumery Products even if these products are subject to the GHAD notification process. Notification shall be available when requesting a CoC as the FASEH request cannot be raised if the product is not notified in the GHAD platform.

18. Are inflight sales /duty free cosmetic products subject to GHAD, as such products are not to be sold in the Saudi market?

Yes, all cosmetic products must be notified in GHAD.



19. Are Cosmetic and Perfumery products that are supplied to Hotels (as Hotel amenities) subject to GHAD notification?

Yes, all Cosmetic and Perfumery products must be notified in GHAD.


20. How can I obtain further information about the SFDA CPPC?

You can contact your nearest Intertek Office for detailed information on the SFDA CPPC or you may visit <http://ecosma.export2saudi.com/>

21. Where is Intertek's Office located in Saudi?

Intertek's Intertek in Saudi is located in the city of Riyadh. Listed below is it's Address and Contact Details...

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