

# Introducing the new requirements and enforcement timeline of SASO 2874:2025 & SASO2663: 2025 Standards for Air Conditioners

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## Disclaimer

➤ This following section is an overview of:

- **SASO 2663 Standard** “Air Conditioners Minimum Energy Performance, Labelling And Testing Requirements For Low-capacity Window And Single-split Types”
- **SASO 2874 Standard** “Large Capacity Air Conditioners –Performance Requirements And Methods Of Testing”.

This document and all presented information shall not be considered as the official reference, where the official **standard can be found in Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) portal** ([Link](#)).

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## Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) requirements

### This standard is updated to:

- Update the Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) requirements for the Rated Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER).
- Introducing Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) requirements for the Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER).

| Air conditioner appliance type                                                 | Compressor stages                            | Sub-Type   | Rated Cooling Capacity (CC) categories at test condition (T1) in Btu/h (or W) | EER Values (Btu/W.h) |      | SEER Value (Btu/W.h) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------|----------------------|
|                                                                                |                                              |            |                                                                               | T1                   | T3   |                      |
| Single package of Window type                                                  | All                                          | All        | CC ≤ 24,000 (7,020W)                                                          | 9.80                 | 7.20 | 8.50                 |
|                                                                                |                                              |            | 24,000 (7,020W) < CC ≤ 65,000 (19,050 W)                                      | 9.00                 | 6.40 | 7.80                 |
| Split type using air-cooled condensers, heat pumps using air cooled condensers | Fixed Capacity                               | Ducted     | CC ≤ 65,000 (19,050 W)                                                        | 11.80                | 8.40 | 10.10                |
|                                                                                |                                              | Non-ducted |                                                                               |                      | 8.50 | 10.30                |
|                                                                                | Two-stage, Multi-stage and Variable Capacity | Ducted     |                                                                               |                      | 8.40 | 12.80                |
|                                                                                |                                              | Non-ducted |                                                                               |                      | 8.50 |                      |

All requirements outlined in SASO 2663:2025 shall supersede previous SASO2663:2021 and SASO 2663:2021/AMD1:2023 standards

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## Introduction

### This standard is updated to:

- **Update the Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER) Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) requirements**, based on the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE 90.1-2022) values.
- **Introduce partial load rating metrics:**
  - **Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER)** metric, based on the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) reference standard.
  - **Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio in active mode (SEERon)** metric, based on the European Standard (EN) reference standard.
  - **Integrated Energy Efficiency Ratio (IEER)** based on the Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) reference standards.
  - **Integrated Part Load Value (IPLV)** based on the Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) reference standards.
- **Change Close control air conditioners and condensing units serving computer rooms type to Floor-Mounted air conditioners and condensing units serving computer room and Ceiling-mounted computer room air conditioner**

All requirements outlined in SASO 2874:2025 shall supersede previous SASO2874:2016 standard

## Scope Coverage

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- Electrically operated air conditioners and heat pump.
- Condensing units.
- Chillers.
- Absorption chillers.
- Electrically operated variable refrigerant flow (VRF) air conditioners and applied heat pump.
- Ceiling-mounted, Floor-Mounted air conditioners and condensing units serving computer rooms.

### Exclusions

- Air conditioners not specified in under the scope coverage clause.
- Single Package Vertical Air-conditioner (SPVAC)
- Direct Expansion-Dedicated Outdoor Air System (DX-DOAS) Units
- Portable (mobile) Air conditioners
- Process Cooling Chiller
- Desert Cooler
- Explosion proof air conditioner
- Swimming pool air conditioner
- Air conditioners that are covered under the scope SASO 2663:2025 standard

## Reference Standards

- **AHRI 340/360:2022:** “Performance Rating of Commercial and Industrial Unitary Air-Conditioning and Heat Pump Equipment”.
- **AHRI 365:2009:** “Commercial and Industrial Unitary Air-Conditioning Condensing Units”.
- **AHRI 550/590:2023:** “Performance Rating of Water-Chilling and Heat Pump Water-Heating Packages Using the Vapor Compression Cycle”.
- **AHRI 560:2023:** “Performance Rating of Water-cooled Lithium Bromide Absorption Water-chilling and Water-heating Packages”.
- **AHRI 1230:2023:** “Performance Rating of Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) Multi-Split Air-Conditioning and Heat Pump Equipment”.
- **AHRI 1360:2022:** “Performance Rating of Computer and Data Processing Room Air Conditioners”.
- **ASHRAE 90.1:2022:** “Energy standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings”.
- **EN 14511:2022:** “Air conditioners, liquid chilling packages and heat pumps for space heating and cooling and process chillers, with electrically driven compressors”.
- **EN 14825:2022:** “Air conditioners, liquid chilling packages and heat pumps, with electrically driven compressors, for space heating and cooling, commercial and process cooling - Testing and rating at part load conditions and calculation of seasonal performance”.
- **SASO GSO 1899:** “GCC Standard Voltages and Frequencies for Alternating Current Distribution Systems”.
- **SASO ISO 15042:2017:** “Multiple split-system air conditioners and air to air heat pumps – Testing and rating for performance”.
- **SASO 2663:** “Air conditioners minimum energy performance, labelling and testing requirements for low-capacity window type and single-split”.
- **SASO ISO 5151:** “Non-ducted air conditioners and heat pumps – Testing and rating for performance “.
- **SASO ISO 13253:** “Ducted air-conditioners and air to air heat pumps – Testing and rating for performance“.



## Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) requirements

### Electrically operated unitary air conditioners<sup>1</sup>

|                                           |                                        |                                | Reference Testing Standard |                               |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                           |                                        |                                | Option 1                   | Option 2                      |
|                                           |                                        |                                | AHRI 340/360               | SASO ISO 5151/ SASO ISO 13253 |
|                                           | Rated cooling capacity<br>(Btu/h) (kW) | MEPS<br>Rated EER<br>(Btu/W.h) | Partial Load Rating        |                               |
| Air conditioners,<br>air cooled           | ≤ 65,000 (19)                          | 11.2                           | N/A                        | SEER                          |
|                                           | > 65,000 (19) and < 135,000 (40)       | 11.2                           | IEER                       | SEER                          |
|                                           | ≥ 135,000 (40) and < 240,000 (70)      | 11.0                           |                            |                               |
|                                           | ≥ 240,000 (70) and < 760,000 (223)     | 10.0                           |                            |                               |
|                                           | ≥ 760,000 (223)                        | 9.7                            |                            |                               |
| Air conditioners,<br>water cooled         | ≤ 65,000 (19)                          | 12.1                           | IEER                       | N/A                           |
|                                           | > 65,000 (19) and < 135,000 (40)       | 12.1                           |                            |                               |
|                                           | ≥ 135,000 (40) and < 240,000 (70)      | 12.5                           |                            |                               |
|                                           | ≥ 240,000 (70) and < 760,000 (223)     | 12.4                           |                            |                               |
|                                           | ≥ 760,000 (223)                        | 12.2                           |                            |                               |
| Air conditioners,<br>evaporatively cooled | ≤ 65,000 (19)                          | 12.1                           | IEER                       |                               |
|                                           | > 65,000 (19) and < 135,000 (40)       | 12.1                           |                            |                               |
|                                           | ≥ 135,000 (40) and < 240,000 (70)      | 12.0                           |                            |                               |
|                                           | ≥ 240,000 (70) and < 760,000 (223)     | 11.9                           |                            |                               |
|                                           | ≥ 760,000 (223)                        | 11.7                           |                            |                               |

<sup>1</sup> Values apply when the unit has no heating section or when the heating section is electrical resistance type, for all other type deduct 0.2 from the MEPS values

## Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) requirements

### Unitary air-cooled heat pump<sup>1</sup>

|                                              |                                     |                          | Reference Testing Standards |                               |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                              |                                     |                          | Option 1                    | Option 2                      |
| Air conditioners , air cooled (cooling mode) | Rated cooling capacity (Btu/h) (kW) | MEPS Rated EER (Btu/W.h) | AHRI 340/360                | SASO ISO 5151/ SASO ISO 13253 |
|                                              |                                     |                          | Partial Load Rating         |                               |
|                                              | ≤ 65,000 (19)                       | 11.0                     | N/A                         | SEER                          |
|                                              | > 65,000 (19) and < 135,000 (40)    | 11.0                     | IEER                        | SEER                          |
|                                              | ≥ 135,000 (40) and < 240,000 (70)   | 10.6                     |                             |                               |
| ≥ 240,000 (70)                               | 9.5                                 |                          |                             |                               |

### Condensing units

|                                                 | Rated<br>cooling<br>capacity<br>(Btu/h) (kW) | Reference<br>Testing<br>Standard | MEPS<br>Rated EER<br>(Btu/W.h) | Partial load<br>rating |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Condensing<br>units, air<br>cooled              | ≥ 135,000<br>(40)                            | AHRI 365                         | 10.5                           | IEER                   |
| Condensing<br>units, water<br>cooled            |                                              |                                  | 13.5                           |                        |
| Condensing<br>units,<br>evaporatively<br>cooled |                                              |                                  | 13.5                           |                        |

<sup>1</sup> Values apply when the unit has no heating section or when the heating section is electrical resistance type, for all other type deduct 0.2 from the MEPS values

## Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) requirements

### Chillers

|                                                                    |                                             |                             | Reference Testing Standards |                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                                    |                                             |                             | Option 1                    | Option 2              |
|                                                                    |                                             |                             | AHRI 550/590                | EN 14511/<br>EN 14825 |
|                                                                    | Rated cooling capacity<br>(Btu/h) (kW)      | MEPS<br>Rated EER (Btu/W.h) | Partial Load Rating         |                       |
| Air-cooled chillers                                                | < 1,800,000 (528)                           | 9.7                         | IPLV                        | SEER <sub>on</sub>    |
|                                                                    | ≥ 1,800,000 (528)                           | 9.7                         |                             |                       |
| Water-cooled<br>electrically operated,<br>positive displacement    | < 900,000 (264)                             | 15.4                        |                             |                       |
|                                                                    | ≥ 900,000 (264) and < 1,800,000 (528)       | 16.0                        |                             |                       |
|                                                                    | ≥ 1,800,000 (528) and < 3,600,000 (1,055)   | 17.7                        |                             |                       |
|                                                                    | ≥ 3,600,000 (1,055) and < 7,200,000 (2,110) | 19.2                        |                             |                       |
|                                                                    | ≥ 7,200,000 (2,110)                         | 20.5                        |                             |                       |
| Water-cooled<br>electrically operated,<br>centrifugal <sup>1</sup> | < 1,800,000 (528)                           | 17.3                        |                             |                       |
|                                                                    | ≥ 1,800,000 (528) and < 3,600,000 (1,055)   | 18.9                        |                             |                       |
|                                                                    | ≥ 3,600,000 (1,055) and < 4,800,000 (1,407) | 20.2                        |                             |                       |
|                                                                    | ≥ 4,800,000 (1,407) and < 7,200,000 (2,110) | 20.5                        |                             |                       |
|                                                                    | ≥ 7,200,000 (2,110)                         | 20.5                        |                             |                       |

<sup>1</sup>Use of the Kadj factor expressed in ASHRAE 90.1 Clause 6.4.1.2.1 is allowed for determination of the rated EER at T1 conditions.

## Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) requirements

### Absorption chillers

|                                              | Rated cooling capacity<br>(Btu/h) | Reference Testing<br>Standard | MEPS<br>Rated EER<br>(Btu/W.h) | Partial load rating |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Water-cooled<br>absorption, single<br>effect | All capacities                    | AHRI 560                      | 2.0                            | N/A                 |
| Absorption double<br>effect, indirect fired  | All capacities                    |                               | 3.4                            | IPLV                |
| Absorption double<br>effect, direct fired    | All capacities                    |                               | 3.4                            |                     |

## Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) requirements

### Electrically operated variable-refrigerant-flow (VRF) and applied heat pumps

|                                                      |                                     | Reference Testing Standards            |                             |                     |                             |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                                      |                                     | Option 1                               |                             | Option 2            |                             |
|                                                      |                                     | AHRI 1230                              |                             | ISO 15042           |                             |
|                                                      |                                     | Rated cooling capacity<br>(Btu/h) (kW) | MEPS Rated EER<br>(Btu/W.h) | Partial load Rating | MEPS Rated EER<br>(Btu/W.h) |
| VRF multi split air<br>conditioners, air<br>cooled   | ≤ 65,000 (19)                       | N/A                                    |                             | 11.2                | SEER                        |
|                                                      | > 65,000 (19.00) and ≤ 135,000 (40) | 10.5                                   | IEER                        | 11.2                | SEER                        |
|                                                      | > 135,000 (40) and ≤ 240,000 (70)   | 10.3                                   |                             | 11.0                |                             |
|                                                      | > 240,000 (70)                      | 9.5                                    |                             | 10.0                |                             |
| VRF multi split air<br>conditioners, heat<br>pumps   | ≤ 65,000 (19)                       | N/A                                    |                             | 11.2                | SEER                        |
|                                                      | > 65,000 (19) and ≤ 135,000 (40)    | 10.3                                   | IEER                        | 11.0                | SEER                        |
|                                                      | > 135,000 (40) and ≤ 240,000 (70)   | 9.9                                    |                             | 10.6                |                             |
|                                                      | > 240,000 (70)                      | 9.1                                    |                             | 9.5                 |                             |
| VRF multi split air<br>conditioners,<br>water cooled | ≤ 65,000 (19)                       | 12.0                                   | IEER                        | N/A                 |                             |
|                                                      | > 65,000 (19) and ≤ 135,000 (40)    | 12.0                                   |                             |                     |                             |
|                                                      | > 135,000 (40) and ≤ 240,000 (70)   | 10.0                                   |                             |                     |                             |
|                                                      | > 240,000 (70)                      | 10.0                                   |                             |                     |                             |

## Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) requirements

### Floor-mounted air conditioner and condensing units serving computer room

|                                  | Standard Model   | Net Sensible Cooling Capacity (Btu/h) | MEPS Rated NsensCO P (W/W) | Rating Conditions Return Air (dry-bulb/dew-point) | Testing method |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Air cooled                       | Downflow         | < 80,000 (23)                         | 2.70                       | 29.5 °C /11 °C<br>(Class 2)                       | AHRI 1360      |
|                                  |                  | ≥ 80,000 (23) and < 295,000 (86)      | 2.58                       |                                                   |                |
|                                  |                  | ≥ 295,000 (86)                        | 2.36                       |                                                   |                |
|                                  | Upflow-ducted    | < 80,000 (23)                         | 2.67                       |                                                   |                |
|                                  |                  | ≥ 80,000 (23) and < 295,000 (86)      | 2.55                       |                                                   |                |
|                                  |                  | ≥ 295,000 (86)                        | 2.33                       |                                                   |                |
|                                  | Upflow-nonducted | < 65,000 (19)                         | 2.16                       | 24 °C /11 °C<br>(Class 1)                         |                |
|                                  |                  | ≥ 65,000 (19) and < 240,000 (70)      | 2.04                       |                                                   |                |
|                                  |                  | ≥ 240,000 (70)                        | 1.89                       |                                                   |                |
|                                  | Horizontal       | < 65,000 (19)                         | 2.65                       | 35 °C / 11 °C<br>(Class 3)                        |                |
|                                  |                  | ≥ 65,000 (19) and < 240,000 (70)      | 2.55                       |                                                   |                |
|                                  |                  | ≥ 240,000 (70)                        | 2.47                       |                                                   |                |
| Air cooled with fluid economizer | Downflow         | < 80,000 (23)                         | 2.70                       | 29.5 °C /11 °C<br>(Class 2)                       |                |
|                                  |                  | ≥ 80,000 (23) and < 295,000 (86)      | 2.58                       |                                                   |                |
|                                  |                  | ≥ 295,000 (86)                        | 2.36                       |                                                   |                |
|                                  | Upflow-ducted    | < 80,000 (23)                         | 2.67                       |                                                   |                |
|                                  |                  | ≥ 80,000 (23) and < 295,000 (86)      | 2.55                       |                                                   |                |
|                                  |                  | ≥ 295,000 (86)                        | 2.33                       |                                                   |                |
|                                  | Upflow-nonducted | < 65,000 (19)                         | 2.09                       | 24 °C /11 °C<br>(Class 1)                         |                |
|                                  |                  | ≥ 65,000 (19) and < 240,000 (70)      | 1.99                       |                                                   |                |
|                                  |                  | ≥ 240,000 (70)                        | 1.81                       |                                                   |                |
|                                  | Horizontal       | < 65,000 (19)                         | 2.65                       | 35 °C / 11 vC<br>(Class 3)                        |                |
|                                  |                  | ≥ 65,000 (19) and < 240,000 (70)      | 2.55                       |                                                   |                |
|                                  |                  | ≥ 240,000 (70)                        | 2.47                       |                                                   |                |

|                                    | Standard Model   | Net Sensible Cooling Capacity (Btu/h) | MEPS Rated NsensCO P (W/W) | Rating Conditions Return Air (dry-bulb/dew-point) | Testing method |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Water cooled                       | Downflow         | < 80,000 (23)                         | 2.82                       | 29.5 °C /11 °C (Class 2)                          | AHRI 1360      |
|                                    |                  | ≥ 80,000 (23) and < 295,000 (86)      | 2.73                       |                                                   |                |
|                                    |                  | ≥ 295,000 (86)                        | 2.67                       |                                                   |                |
|                                    | Upflow-ducted    | < 80,000 (23)                         | 2.79                       |                                                   |                |
|                                    |                  | ≥ 80,000 (23) and < 295,000 (86)      | 2.70                       |                                                   |                |
|                                    |                  | ≥ 295,000 (86)                        | 2.64                       |                                                   |                |
|                                    | Upflow-nonducted | < 65,000 (19)                         | 2.43                       | 24 °C /11 °C (Class 1)                            |                |
|                                    |                  | ≥ 65,000 (19) and < 240,000 (70)      | 2.32                       |                                                   |                |
|                                    |                  | ≥ 240,000 (70)                        | 2.20                       |                                                   |                |
|                                    | Horizontal       | < 65,000 (19)                         | 2.79                       | 35 °C / 11 °C (Class 3)                           |                |
|                                    |                  | ≥ 65,000 (19) and < 240,000 (70)      | 2.68                       |                                                   |                |
|                                    |                  | ≥ 240,000 (70)                        | 2.6                        |                                                   |                |
| Water cooled with fluid economizer | Downflow         | < 80,000 (23)                         | 2.77                       | 29.5 °C /11 °C (Class 2)                          | AHRI 1360      |
|                                    |                  | ≥ 80,000 (23) and < 295,000 (86)      | 2.68                       |                                                   |                |
|                                    |                  | ≥ 295,000 (86)                        | 2.61                       |                                                   |                |
|                                    | Upflow-ducted    | < 80,000 (23)                         | 2.74                       |                                                   |                |
|                                    |                  | ≥ 80,000 (23) and < 295,000 (86)      | 2.65                       |                                                   |                |
|                                    |                  | ≥ 295,000 (86)                        | 2.58                       |                                                   |                |
|                                    | Upflow-nonducted | < 65,000 (19)                         | 2.35                       | 24 °C /11 °C (Class 1)                            |                |
|                                    |                  | ≥ 65,000 (19) and < 240,000 (70)      | 2.24                       |                                                   |                |
|                                    |                  | ≥ 240,000 (70)                        | 2.12                       |                                                   |                |
|                                    | Horizontal       | < 65,000 (19)                         | 2.71                       | 35 °C / 11 °C (Class 3)                           |                |
|                                    |                  | ≥ 65,000 (19) and < 240,000 (70)      | 2.60                       |                                                   |                |
|                                    |                  | ≥ 240,000 (70)                        | 2.54                       |                                                   |                |

|                                     | Standard Model   | Net Sensible Cooling Capacity (Btu/h) | MEPS Rated<br>NsensCO P (W/W) | Rating Conditions<br>Return Air (dry-bulb/dew-point) | Testing method |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Glycol cooled                       | Downflow         | < 80,000 (23)                         | 2.56                          | 29.5 °C /11 °C<br>(Class 2)                          | AHRI 1360      |
|                                     |                  | ≥ 80,000 (23) and < 295,000 (86)      | 2.24                          |                                                      |                |
|                                     |                  | ≥ 295,000 (86)                        | 2.21                          |                                                      |                |
|                                     | Upflow-ducted    | < 80,000 (23)                         | 2.53                          |                                                      |                |
|                                     |                  | ≥ 80,000 (23) and < 295,000 (86)      | 2.21                          |                                                      |                |
|                                     |                  | ≥ 295,000 (86)                        | 2.18                          |                                                      |                |
|                                     | Upflow-nonducted | < 65,000 (19)                         | 2.08                          | 24 °C /11 °C<br>(Class 1)                            |                |
|                                     |                  | ≥ 65,000 (19) and < 240,000 (70)      | 1.90                          |                                                      |                |
|                                     |                  | ≥ 240,000 (70)                        | 1.81                          |                                                      |                |
|                                     | Horizontal       | < 65,000 (19)                         | 2.48                          | 35 °C / 11 °C<br>(Class 3)                           |                |
|                                     |                  | ≥ 65,000 (19) and < 240,000 (70)      | 2.18                          |                                                      |                |
|                                     |                  | ≥ 240,000 (70)                        | 2.18                          |                                                      |                |
| Glycol cooled with fluid economizer | Downflow         | < 80,000 (23)                         | 2.51                          | 29.5 °C /11 °C<br>(Class 2)                          |                |
|                                     |                  | ≥ 80,000 (23) and < 295,000 (86)      | 2.19                          |                                                      |                |
|                                     |                  | ≥ 295,000 (86)                        | 2.15                          |                                                      |                |
|                                     | Upflow-ducted    | < 80,000 (23)                         | 2.48                          |                                                      |                |
|                                     |                  | ≥ 80,000 (23) and < 295,000 (86)      | 2.16                          |                                                      |                |
|                                     |                  | ≥ 295,000 (86)                        | 2.12                          |                                                      |                |
|                                     | Upflow-nonducted | < 65,000 (19)                         | 2.00                          | 24 °C /11 °C<br>(Class 1)                            |                |
|                                     |                  | ≥ 65,000 (19) and < 240,000 (70)      | 1.82                          |                                                      |                |
|                                     |                  | ≥ 240,000 (70)                        | 1.73                          |                                                      |                |
|                                     | Horizontal       | < 65,000 (19)                         | 2.44                          | 35 °C / 11 °C<br>(Class 3)                           |                |
|                                     |                  | ≥ 65,000 (19) and < 240,000 (70)      | 2.10                          |                                                      |                |
|                                     |                  | ≥ 240,000 (70)                        | 2.10                          |                                                      |                |

## Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) requirements

### Ceiling-mounted computer room air conditioner

|                                                                    | Standard Model | Net Sensible Cooling Capacity (Btu/h) | MEPS Rated NsensCOP (W/W) | Rating Conditions Return Air (dry-bulb/dew-point) | Testing method |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Air cooled with fresh air discharge condenser                      | Ducted         | < 29,000 (8)                          | 2.05                      | 24 °C /11 °C<br>(Class 1)                         | AHRI 1360      |
|                                                                    |                | ≥ 29,000 (8) and < 65,000 (19)        | 2.02                      |                                                   |                |
|                                                                    |                | ≥ 65,000 (19)                         | 1.92                      |                                                   |                |
|                                                                    | Nonducted      | < 29,000 (8)                          | 2.08                      |                                                   |                |
|                                                                    |                | ≥ 29,000 (8) and < 65,000 (19)        | 2.05                      |                                                   |                |
|                                                                    |                | ≥ 65,000 (19)                         | 1.94                      |                                                   |                |
| Air cooled with free air discharge condenser with fluid economizer | Ducted         | < 29,000 (8)                          | 2.01                      | 24 °C /11 °C<br>(Class 1)                         |                |
|                                                                    |                | ≥ 29,000 (8) and < 65,000 (19)        | 1.97                      |                                                   |                |
|                                                                    |                | ≥ 65,000 (19)                         | 1.87                      |                                                   |                |
|                                                                    | Nonducted      | < 29,000 (8)                          | 2.04                      |                                                   |                |
|                                                                    |                | ≥ 29,000 (8) and < 65,000 (19)        | 2.00                      |                                                   |                |
|                                                                    |                | ≥ 65,000 (19)                         | 1.89                      |                                                   |                |
| Air cooled with ducted condenser                                   | Ducted         | < 29,000 (8)                          | 1.86                      | 24 °C /11 °C<br>(Class 1)                         |                |
|                                                                    |                | ≥ 29,000 (8) and < 65,000 (19)        | 1.83                      |                                                   |                |
|                                                                    |                | ≥ 65,000 (19)                         | 1.73                      |                                                   |                |
|                                                                    | Nonducted      | < 29,000 (8)                          | 1.89                      |                                                   |                |
|                                                                    |                | ≥ 29,000 (8) and < 65,000 (19)        | 1.86                      |                                                   |                |
|                                                                    |                | ≥ 65,000 (19)                         | 1.75                      |                                                   |                |
| Air cooled with fluid economizer and ducted condenser              | Ducted         | < 29,000 (8)                          | 1.82                      | 24 °C /11 °C<br>(Class 1)                         |                |
|                                                                    |                | ≥ 29,000 (8) and < 65,000 (19)        | 1.78                      |                                                   |                |
|                                                                    |                | ≥ 65,000 (19)                         | 1.68                      |                                                   |                |
|                                                                    | Nonducted      | < 29,000 (8)                          | 1.85                      |                                                   |                |
|                                                                    |                | ≥ 29,000 (8) and < 65,000 (19)        | 1.81                      |                                                   |                |
|                                                                    |                | ≥ 65,000 (19)                         | 1.70                      |                                                   |                |

|                                     | Standard Model | Net Sensible Cooling Capacity (Btu/h) | MEPS Rated NsensCOP (W/W) | Rating Conditions Return Air (dry-bulb/dew-point) | Testing method |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Water cooled                        | Ducted         | < 29,000 (8)                          | 2.38                      | 24 °C /11 °C (Class 1)                            | AHRI 1360      |
|                                     |                | ≥ 29,000 (8) and < 65,000 (19)        | 2.28                      |                                                   |                |
|                                     |                | ≥ 65,000 (19)                         | 2.18                      |                                                   |                |
|                                     | Nonducted      | < 29,000 (8)                          | 2.41                      |                                                   |                |
|                                     |                | ≥ 29,000 (8) and < 65,000 (19)        | 2.31                      |                                                   |                |
|                                     |                | ≥ 65,000 (19)                         | 2.20                      |                                                   |                |
| Water cooled with fluid economizer  | Ducted         | < 29,000 (8)                          | 2.33                      | 24 °C /11 °C (Class 1)                            |                |
|                                     |                | ≥ 29,000 (8) and < 65,000 (19)        | 2.23                      |                                                   |                |
|                                     |                | ≥ 65,000 (19)                         | 2.13                      |                                                   |                |
|                                     | Nonducted      | < 29,000 (8)                          | 2.36                      |                                                   |                |
|                                     |                | ≥ 29,000 (8) and < 65,000 (19)        | 2.26                      |                                                   |                |
|                                     |                | ≥ 65,000 (19)                         | 2.16                      |                                                   |                |
| Glycol cooled                       | Ducted         | < 29,000 (8)                          | 1.97                      | 24 °C /11 °C (Class 1)                            |                |
|                                     |                | ≥ 29,000 (8) and < 65,000 (19)        | 1.93                      |                                                   |                |
|                                     |                | ≥ 65,000 (19)                         | 1.78                      |                                                   |                |
|                                     | Nonducted      | < 29,000 (8)                          | 2.00                      |                                                   |                |
|                                     |                | ≥ 29,000 (8) and < 65,000 (19)        | 1.89                      |                                                   |                |
|                                     |                | ≥ 65,000 (19)                         | 1.81                      |                                                   |                |
| Glycol cooled with fluid economizer | Ducted         | < 29,000 (8)                          | 1.92                      | 24 °C /11 °C (Class 1)                            |                |
|                                     |                | ≥ 29,000 (8) and < 65,000 (19)        | 1.88                      |                                                   |                |
|                                     |                | ≥ 65,000 (19)                         | 1.73                      |                                                   |                |
|                                     | Nonducted      | < 29,000 (8)                          | 1.95                      |                                                   |                |
|                                     |                | ≥ 29,000 (8) and < 65,000 (19)        | 1.93                      |                                                   |                |
|                                     |                | ≥ 65,000 (19)                         | 1.76                      |                                                   |                |

## Criteria For Acceptability Of Products at Registration And Market Surveillance

- Tested power.....  $\leq 1.05 \times$  rated power.
- Tested cooling capacity .....  $\geq 0.95 \times$  rated cooling capacity.
- Tested EER (or NsensCOP) .....  $\geq$  MEPS.
- Tested EER (or NsensCOP) .....  $\geq 0.95 \times$  rated EER (or Rated NsensCOP)
- Tested IEER .....  $\geq 0.90 \times$  rated IEER
- Tested IPLV .....  $\geq 0.90 \times$  rated IPLV
- Tested SEER .....  $\geq 0.90 \times$  rated SEER
- Tested SEERon .....  $\geq 0.90 \times$  rated SEERon
- Tested voltage according to clause 4.1
- Tested Frequency according to clause 4.1



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# Main Registration Requirements

### The main registration requirements:

- Filling SASO body registration form of energy efficiency laboratory activity and attach all required documents in this form.
- Proof of accreditation for the energy efficiency laboratory activity from the Saudi accreditation center (SAC) for national LABs, or any accreditation center that has membership in ILAC international organization.
- Provide a commercial registration of the laboratory which mentions the business activity (Testing) .
- Provide a professional insurance policy which covers all lab activities.
- Proof of technical competence by providing laboratory personnel qualifications.
- Paying the cost of the request, which is 10,000 Saudi Riyals for each Standard.

### Studying The Request

SASO's technician studies the request to ensure that all requirements are met.

### Issuing Registration Documents

SASO will issue the registration certification of laboratory and the laboratory will download the certificate through SASO acceptance gate.

1



### Applying for The Service Through SASO Acceptance Gate

The laboratory applies for the service by applying new request Through [SASO Acceptance Gate](#).

2



3



### Cost Payment

The laboratory pays the costs of the request, which is **10,000** Saudi riyals for each Standard.

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For any inquiry you can contact us through notification department email [q.cab\\_reg@saso.gov.sa](mailto:q.cab_reg@saso.gov.sa)

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## Energy Efficiency Certification

# Energy Efficiency Certificate & Label Certification requirements

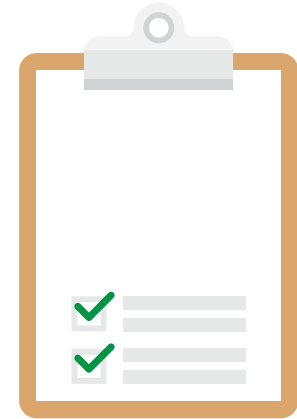


The Technical File

- ▶ Test Report issued by SASO accepted laboratory (3 years Validity from issue date)
- ▶ Instruction sheet
- ▶ Marking information on name plate
- ▶ Model image
- ▶ Filling the electronic application form

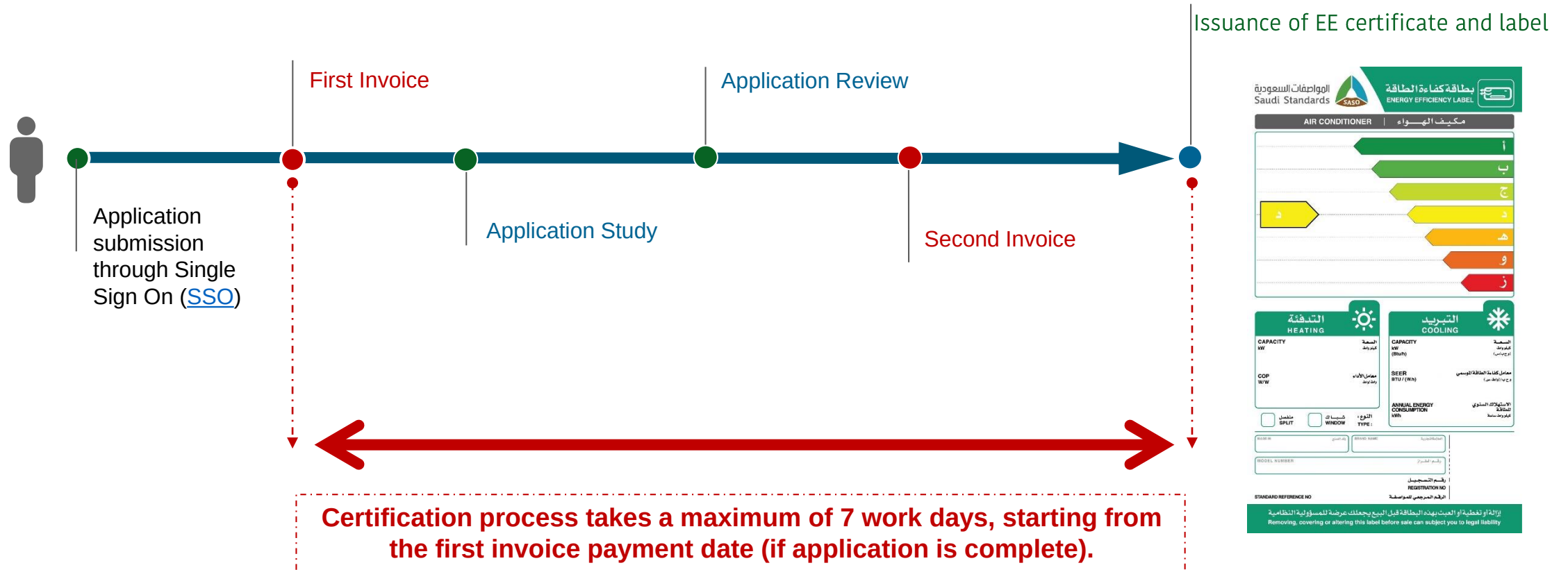
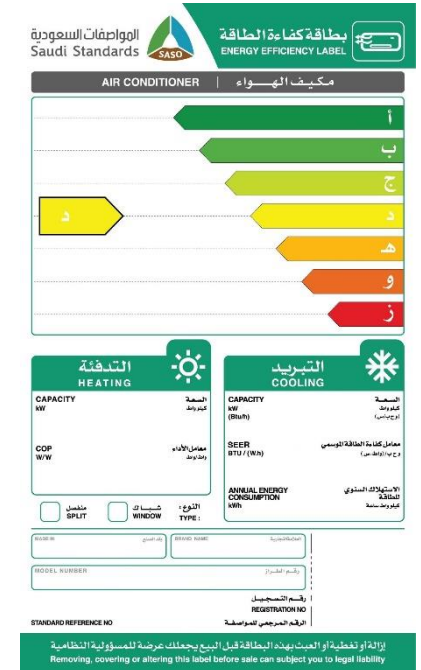
Other

- ▶ Declaration of Conformity from manufacture
- ▶ Declaration of Conformity from importer



# Energy Efficiency Certification

## Energy Efficiency Certificate & Label Certification Process

**المواصفات السعودية Saudi Standards** **بطاقة كفاءة الطاقة ENERGY EFFICIENCY LABEL**

**AIR CONDITIONER | مكيف الهواء**

**التدفئة HEATING**

CAPACITY kW (القدرة الكهربائية)  
COP W/W (معامل الأداء)  
نوع: ☐ Split ☐ Window

**التبريد COOLING**

CAPACITY kW (القدرة الكهربائية)  
SEER BTU / (Wh) (معامل كفاءة التبريد)  
ANNUAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION kWh (الاستهلاك السنوي المتوقع سنوياً)

REGISTRATION NO (رقم التسجيل)  
STANDARD REFERENCE NO (رقم المرجعي للمواصفة)

إزالة أو تغطية أو التعتيق لهذه البطاقة قبل البيع يجعلك عرضة للمسؤولية القانونية  
Removing, covering or altering this label before sale can subject you to legal liability

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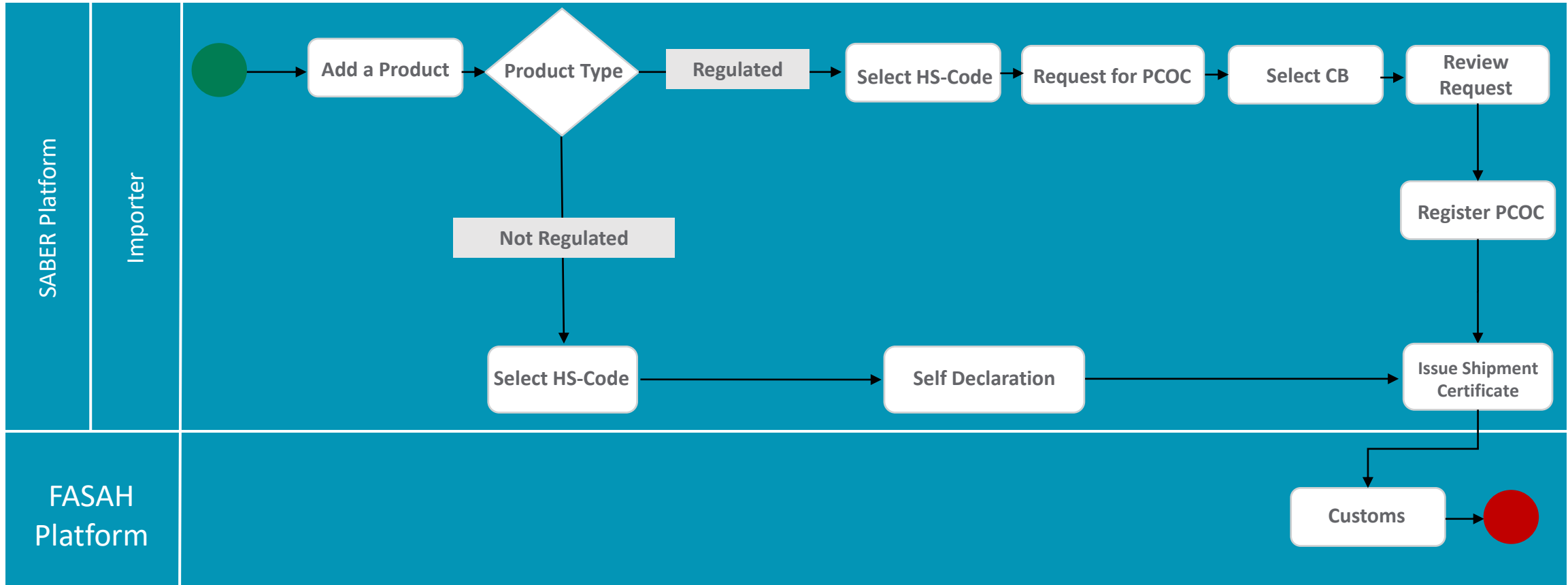
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### Saber Platform Services for Commercial goods



## Saber Platform Procedures for Commercial goods



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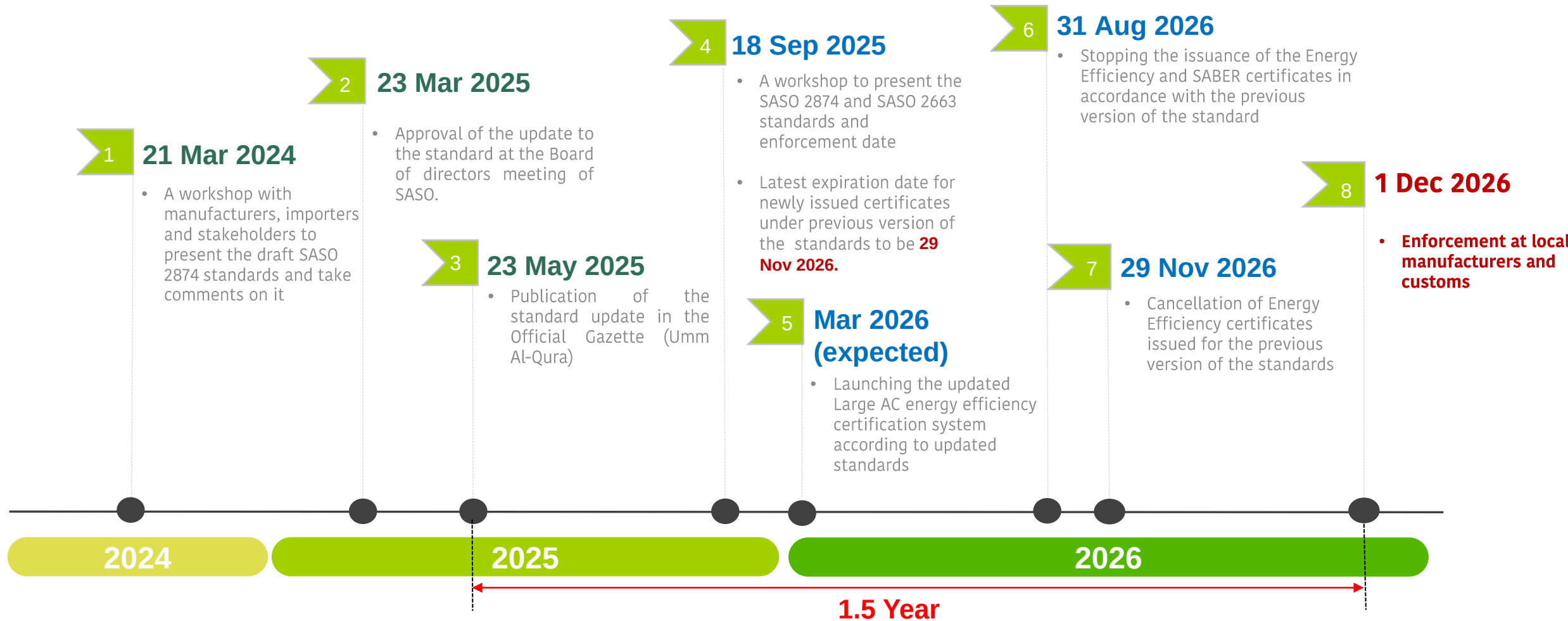
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## Enforcement Plan for Updated Small and Large ACs Standards



As for the products already in Saudi Market, products will remain valid according to the licenses and certificates previously issued.

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### Key Questions



1. What should **Large AC applicants** consider during this time until Mar 2026 (Start of updated EE certification)?
2. If I already have a valid EE test report issued under SASO 2663:2021, do I need to re-test the product?
3. If a small AC EE certification application (SASO 2663) is submitted after **December 1, 2025**, and meets the new standard requirements, will the **certificate expire** on **November 29, 2026**?
4. When does the enforcement starts?
5. What about enforcement at the Market. Will there be a setting enforcement date?
6. Are all energy efficiency certificates issued for **previous version** of the standards going to be cancelled by 29 Nov 2026, regardless of the remaining validity ?
7. Are there any fees for **updating requests** to update the valid laboratory registration standard version from SASO 2663:2021 and SASO 2874:2016 to SASO 2663:2025 and SASO 2874:2025?

### Answers



1. They should test their products according to the new standard and prepare all EE certification requirements in advance.
2. No. **Valid** EE test reports, issued under SASO 2663:2021 and fulfilling all SASO 2663:2025 requirements, will be accepted.
3. No. If the product fulfils all SASO 2663:2025 requirements, a label and a full-validity certificate will be issued under the **2025 standard**.
4. The enforcement begins on [1st December 2026] at local manufacturers and customs only.
5. No, there will be no enforcement date at market. However, products that manufactured or imported after [1st December 2026] will be subjected to legal action.
6. Yes.
7. No. Fees are only for new, renew and scope expansion requests.

### Key Questions



8. What about products already in the market before the enforcement date? Will there be a grace period to sell existing products?
9. How will shipments that shipped before the enforcement Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 , but arriving afterward, be treated?
10. How will market surveillance and enforcement take place?
11. When will the energy efficiency certification system be launched?
12. How long the Energy Efficiency and SABER certificates remain valid?
13. Is there a document that covers all Energy Efficiency certification requirements?

### Answers



8. As for products already in Saudi Market, Products will remain valid according to the licenses and certificates previously provided.
9. All certificates (i.e. SABER and EE) will be cancelled on 29 Nov, 2026, and it is responsibility on manufacturers and importers to ensure shipment arrive before 29 Nov 2026.
10. Inspections will be carried out at customs and within local manufacturers to ensure compliance.
11. Expected on March 2026 will be the Launching of the updated Large AC energy efficiency certification system according to updated standards.
12.
  - a) If it issued previous version of the standards, it will be valid until November 29, 2026.
  - b) If it issued for the new version of the standards, it will be considered valid until the expiration date.
13. Yes, a certification scheme that provides all information applicants need for certification, and it will be published soon on SASO website.

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**Thank You.**

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