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Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – Conformity assessment online system

The European Union and Switzerland expressed concern with an online certification system for a conformity assessment safety platform (SALEM) launched by Saudi Arabia. The system was designed to help exporters obtain a Gulf Cooperation Council conformity tracking symbol from a certified body and required all products to be registered on the online platform. Members noted that the system was having a negative impact on the import of products – especially toys and ceramics – because it was burdensome for exporters.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia said that the purpose of the platform was to evaluate the conformity of products before shipment, and to reduce the clearance time at the border. It was in response to a growing number of instances of non-compliance on the market. The procedures were applied in the same manner to local and foreign manufacturers, and the measure had been notified to the WTO in line with transparency obligations.