# Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Developing/Improving Export Strategies

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SAUDI EXPORTS is a government authority that started its activities in 2013. We focus on boosting Saudi non-oil exports and global market integration through programs and incentives. We aim to promote Saudi products internationally, to diversify the national economy in alignment with the Kingdom's Vision 2030

# Vision

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We aim to be the driving force of sustainable growth of the Kingdom's non-oil exports

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# Mission

We will hold exporters and their needs at the core of everything we do, innovatively supporting them in their journey to exporting and enabling them to access and compete in target markets





# Strategic Objectives

#### 01.

Boost competitiveness of goods' exports to access new markets through ensuring competitive landed cost and expanding matchmaking efforts

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Uplift exporters' readiness to face global challenges through export information, capability development, advisory, and issue resolution

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Drive a culture of institutional excellence, customer centricity, and oversight on export ecosystem and push for best-in-class digitized services

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Accelerate KSA's service export growth through empowering cross-border expansion and connecting exporters with buyers

Unlock new export opportunities through expanding promotion efforts

#### 03.

Spearhead the establishment of re-export hubs in KSA to be a global leader through disruption of trade routes

#### 06.

Elevate and expand "Saudi Made" program





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## Three core beneficiaries for services offered by SAUDI EXPORTS



#### Exporters / Potential exporters

A company producing goods/services for export or re-export to global markets (including SMEs and experienced companies)



### Traders

Buyer of products from the local market or importer of products with the aim of exporting or re-exporting them to international markets



Act as a commercial intermediary providing all value chain services in the export sector to help exporters access target global markets and is licensed by SAUDI EXPORTS



## We cover three primary sectors for exports



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#### **Exports of Goods**

Tangible products that are produced within Saudi Arabia and then exported to other countries.

# Export of Services

A service provided by a resident of one country to individuals or companies from another country through one of the modes: (Cross-Border Trade, Consumption Abroad, Commercial Presence, or Individuals Presence ).



#### **Re-exports**

A commercial activity focused on exporting foreign-origin products from Saudi Arabia to other countries.

Petrochemicals, Building Materials, Food Products, Machinery and Equipment, Pharmaceuticals, Packaging Travel, Transport & Logistics, IT, Financial Services, Construction, Professional & Consulting Services Electronics and Electrical Devices, Gold and Jewelry, Fashion and Leather Goods, Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipments



# **Export Journey Value Chain**

	01 "Understand export markets"	02 "Build exporter capability"	03 "Plan exports"	04 "Build export capacity"	05 "Generate opportunities"	06 "Increase exports visibility"	07 "Penetrate markets"
Beneficiary set up	Export and market information	Capabilities development	Business advisory	Capacity development	Business development	Promote exports	Market access
Set-up business to conduct to potentially export	Provide needed information to decide on markets to export	Build capabilities required to successfully export (e.g., trainings, e-commerce)	Develop export business plan with exporter to enter/grow in target markets	Support development of exporter capacity to meet market demand (e.g., increase capacity)	Enhance exports by supporting exporters, connecting them with buyers, and opening new markets to increase competitiveness &	Increase awareness and visibility of exports in target markets	Improve market access conditions (e.g., logistics, trade barrier removal, currency risk reduction)

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#### **Export incentives**

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Offer incentives that alleviate financial burdens at every stage of the exporter's journey.



#### Export financing

#### Utilizing financial services from EXIM Bank



# SAUDI EXPORTS provides a wide range of services to support exporters



# Export Incentives Program

Financial incentives to support export-related activities and enable market expansion.



#### Export-related issue resolutions

Support the resolution of export barrier by cooperating with relevant authorities.



# Requests to review export prevent and restrict decisions

Enable the private sector and government entities to submit requests to amend export restrictions, lift them, or impose a prohibition on a product.



#### Trade fairs and trade missions

Participate in international trade fairs and trade missions to discover new markets and customers.



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#### Export houses

**Market intelligence** 

export requirement information.

Allow exporters and companies to request and obtain the Export Houses license.

Access to market and products insights and

#### Connecting Local Factories with Licensed Export Houses

Facilitating the connection between local factories and licensed export houses to provide export value chain services and enhance access to global market

#### Trainings and workshops

Workshop and trainings to support the development of export capabilities and knowledge.



Key buyers visits

Enabling international buyers to explore local markets and factories with full logistical support.



#### Listing Saudi companies on e-commerce platforms

Registering Saudi companies on leading global e-commerce platforms.



#### Import from Saudi platform

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Connecting international importers with a wide network of distinguished Saudi exporters, providing them with specialized guidance and support to ensure a smooth and efficient import process.



#### Advisory services

Set of tools assisting the exporter's journey such as market studies toolkit, Intellectual property protection information, etc.

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# Export Incentives Program

SAUDI EXPORTS offers 9 financial incentives, to support export-related activities and enable market expansion.

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Listing on e-commerce platforms	Products certifications	Individual participation in international exhibitions
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Marketing and advertising —	Products registration —	Visit potential buyers —
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Consulting services —	Legal support 	Specialized training —



# Export-related issue Resolutions

A service that allows exporters to raise all the challenges they may face during the export journey, by sending challenges to SAUDI EXPORTS, which in turn studies the challenges and works to address them by cooperating with relevant authorities.

#### **Procedures** for addressing export challenges 01 02 03 04 05 阆 0 0 Receive the barrier Communicate Analyze the Address the barrier Resolve the barrier with the relevant through Saudi Exports' with the barrier Website customer to authorities gather more details Escalate to Trade Barrier committees headed by H.E. MIMR Oversight Committee for Resolving ٠ **Export Challenges**





# Trade barrier resolution committees

The committees are based on several regulatory instruments and trade agreements that have been adopted with the aim of strengthening the national economy and increasing the competitiveness of local products to access global markets.

#### Oversight Committee for Resolving Export Challenges

Address procedural challenges and obstacles that hinder the export process locally or internationally

Scope

Members



#### Committee for Organizing the Governance of Export Restriction and Prohibition Measures

Regulate the prohibition or restriction of products targeted for export, and reviewing the related export costs





# Trade fairs and trade missions' participation

SAUDI EXPORTS facilitates the participation of Saudi exporters in various trade fairs at the international, regional levels with the aim of showcasing their products and services to attendees in the industry.

# Key advantages of participating in trade fairs:



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- Expanding into international markets by unlocking new export opportunities
- Building a business network through direct engagement with global importers



Enhancing the global presence of Saudi products and services



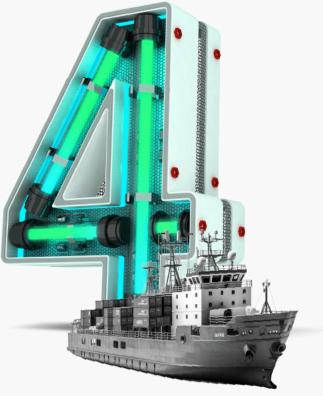
Gaining insights into competitors and market trends to understand the competitive landscape and latest innovations

#### SAUDI EXPORTS Support

**♂** registration cost

✓ products shipping cost

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Arab Health	UAE	Jan - Feb 2025
Iraq International Energy Exhibition	Iraq	Feb 2025
Gulfood	UAE	Feb 2025
Hannover Messe	Germany	Apr 2025
GITEX Africa	Morrocco	May 2025
BUILDEXPO KENYA	Kenya	Jun 2025
Transport Logistics China	China	Jun 2025
AnuFood India	India	Aug 2025
CPhI	Italy	Oct 2025
GITEX	UAE	Oct 2025
Sial Paris	France	Oct 2025
China International Import Expo	China	Nov 2025
Slal Jakarta	Indonesia	Nov 2025
The Big 5 Construct	UAE	Dec 2025
PacProcces	Egypt	Dec 2025
Food Africa	Egypt	Dec 2025

✓ participation is available on SAUDI EXPORTS website



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# Participation in Trade Missions

Trade missions offer exporters a platform to gain market insights, establish strategic business relationships, and connect with potential partners through official visits. By participating in trade missions, exporting companies or those interested in exporting can achieve several objectives:

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Exploring new export opportunities in global markets.

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Enhancing the visibility of national products in target markets.

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Building strategic partnerships with international importers.

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Facilitating direct engagement and knowledge exchange in a professional setting.



# Trainings and Workshops

SAUDI EXPORTS provides various workshop and trainings to support the development of exporters capabilities and knowledge

## Four steps to follow to attend our trainings

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Access SAUDI EXPORTS website and view the list of trainings and workshops (updated regularly) **N7** 

Select the training or workshop to attend and apply

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Obtain acceptance and receive free invitation to participate

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Attend the workshop and discover about the subject



Key Training Programs Offered by SAUDI EXPORTS





# Export Houses

This service allows exporters and companies to request Export Houses license, by filling out the license application and uploading the required documents. Then, The Authority reviews the applications to grant licenses.





visit SAUDI EXPORTS's website and enter the Export Houses page



Fill out the license application and upload the required documents

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Obtain the license and start operating as an export house



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# Connecting Local Factories with Licensed Export Houses

Facilitating the connection between local factories and licensed export houses to provide export value chain services and enhance access to global market



To support local factories in expanding their operations and export opportunities, they are connected with licensed export houses to enhance global market access



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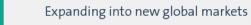
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#### Enhancing reliability



- Enhancing competitiveness
- Reducing operational and logistics costs
  - Access to global tenders



# Import from Saudi Platform

Connecting international importers with a wide network of distinguished Saudi exporters and high-quality products. The service facilitates connections between international importers and trusted Saudi suppliers, providing specialized guidance and strategic support to ensure a smooth and efficient import process.



Service Benefits

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Easy access to reliable and accredited suppliers. 02

Support in the import process.

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Strengthening trade relations and boosting non-oil exports.



# Key Buyers Visits

Facilitating inbound visits for international buyers to explore Saudi products and services firsthand through visits to local factories and facilities. This service offers international buyers comprehensive market exploration opportunities, with full logistical support, including scheduled business meetings and participation in industry-focused seminars.

Objectives

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Attracting key international buyers to the Saudi market. **N7** 

Showcasing Saudi Arabia's manufacturing and service capabilities. **N**3

Establishing strategic business relationships. **N**4

Identifying export opportunities and fostering long-term collaborations.



# Listing Saudi companies on e-commerce platforms

Registering Saudi companies on leading global e-commerce platforms.

This service facilitates seamless access to digital trade opportunities, helping Saudi companies position themselves competitively in the global marketplace.



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Expanding the customer base and boosting sales in global markets. 02

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Increasing visibility and strengthening trust in Saudi products.

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Establishing strategic partnerships with international stakeholders.



# Advisory Services

Providing exporters with specialized advisory services to develop their capabilities and support them in their export journey.

# Tools to assist the exporter's journey

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# Export readiness self assessment

Electronic questionnaire that measures a company's readiness to export by generating a report containing recommendations to address weaknesses

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#### Export tool kit

Comprehensive set of resources designed to assist businesses in successfully exporting to international markets (e.g., Export plan, E-commerce tool kit)

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#### In depth assessment and tailored export plan

In depth assessments with strategic accounts Develop tailored export plan for strategic account companies Follow up and support during plan execution phase



# Market Intelligence

Facilitate access to market and products insights and export requirement information



## **Reports providing insights on foreign markets**



#### Export Guides

Export Guide documents that enable exporters to know all policies and procedures related to accessing a specific market

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#### Specialized product report

Overview on target countries economy and their industrial sectors to enable local companies to achieve a wider spread of their exports and access to new markets ۲

#### International tender reports

Documents or databases that provide detailed information on tendering opportunities available globally



# Saudi Made program

"Saudi Made" offers key benefits to support the promotion of Saudi products and services



## What is "Saudi Made" program



# Objectives



Increasing local consumption and market share of locally produced goods and services Saudi Made is a national initiative launched by SAUDI EXPORTS, in addition to being one of the initiatives managed by National Industrial Development and Logistics Program (NIDLP) which seeks to promote Saudi made goods and services to become preferred choice locally and internationally, in collaboration with a group of private and public sector partners



Increasing Saudi non-oil exports in targeted export markets



Enhancing the attractiveness of the Saudi industrial sector to the domestic and foreign investments



Saudi Made program

# +16,500

**Registered products** 

+3,000 Registered companies

Key highlights \*until 2024

# Key benefits

Gain valuable exposure by featuring your business as a member on the program website

Network with other program members to share knowledge.

## **Promotional campaigns**

Local and international marketing campaigns aimed at promoting national goods and services, and enhance access to the SAUDI EXPORTS's services by maximizing their impact to achieve sustainable growth in non-oil exports.

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Marketing campaigns related to international events

Marketing campaigns in parallel with participation in international fairs

Use of logo in communication

Participation in workshops

organized by Saudi Made.

(e.g., website)

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Digital marketing campaigns

# Close communication with governmental entities

Knowledge exchange with various entities in the industrial ecosystem.

Use of Saudi Made logo on products to Mark them as the high-quality, locally-made preference of consumers.









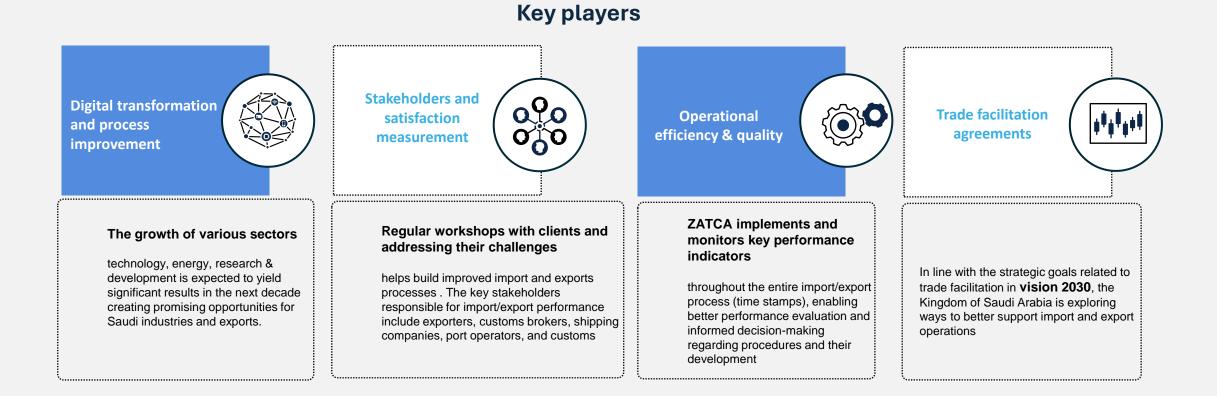


# ZATCAs Role in Export Strategy

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# ARA The Role of ZATCA In The Export Strategy

ZATCA works on building an efficient system by implementing the best international standards, aiming for continuous improvement across all areas.



<u>Fast clearance</u> for all Saudi exporters ensures trade facilitation and strengthens economic relations with partner countries

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#### Reducing

time to review declarations with relevant entities which contributed to faster clearance of customs declarations submitted automatically

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Connectivity with neighboring countries and MRAs to facilitate import and export operations



Cancelling export service fees and re-pricing other services in return to support exporters and simplify export procedures.

# 2 Monitoring logistics indicators Obtaining local awards and certifications



- · United Nations e-government development index
- World bank Logistics Performance index (LPI)



Customer Experience Live Global Awards



#### ISO guidelines and certifications

# AN ZATCAs Impact on Development Projects

project to revise the pricing mechanism for 4 main services provided by ZATCA, and the service fee for all export declaration service has been canceled



Multiple benefits may also be achieved from the cancellation

Showing positive indicators regarding the logistics system and encouraging exporters

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Reducing the financial burden on exporters to promote export activities, especially for small and medium enterprises (SMEs)

**Improving transparency** and enabling exporters to better anticipate and estimate service fee cost.

**Enhancing** operational efficiency and reducing the time required to process export customs declarations by canceling the service fee payment step

Several benefits can be achieved through the new service (fee structure for export services)

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