

Saudi Arabian Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) has recently announced the enforcement of the SASO Technical Regulation for Degradable Plastic Products. The new regulation aims at ensuring that disposable plastic products made of poly-propylene and poly-ethylene with film thickness of less than or equal to 250microns that are generally used for packaging, such as carrier bags, wraps and other similar applications, must be of the oxo-biodegradable type and bear the below logo:



The implementation commenced on the 9th July 2017, however SASO has given a grace period until 12th December 2017 for Exporters/Importers to ensure that their products comply based upon an undertaking letter issued by the Exporter/Importer to this effect.

Therefore, any imported or locally manufactured products that are wrapped with Bubble Wrap, Cushioning Packaging and Overwrap plastic (Items 5 and 7 on the list above) should also have the valid oxo-biodegradable logo marked on such wrapping/packaging/cushioning material.

The oxo-biodegradable logo shall be durably affixed on the plastic product itself on an ostensible position as detailed in the Technical Regulation. If the plastic product is too small and there is no space for the logo, it can be affixed on the plastic product's immediate packaging subject to SASO's approval. To affix the logo, the Manufacturer/Exporter of the plastic product shall be a holder of the relevant valid licence from SASO.

In order to register your products for the SASO oxo-biodegradable logo, an application will need to be made to SASO for each product you need licensing and the products will need to meet all of the requirements set out in SASO Regulation no. M.A-156-16-03-03.

www.saso.gov.sa/en/Certification/Certificates_of_conformity/Pages/Registration_of_plastic_products.aspx

SASO has mandated a limited number of laboratories to supply factories with additives

[https://www.saso.gov.sa/ar/Certification/Certificates_of_conformity/Documents/%d9%82%d8%a7%d8%a6%d9%85%d8%a9%20%d8%a8%d8%a7%d9%84%d9%85%d8%b5%d8%a7%d9%86%d8%b9%20%d8%a7%d9%84%d9%85%d8%b1%d8%ae%d8%b5%20%d9%84%d9%87%d8%a7%20%d8%a8%d8%aa%d8%b2%d9%88%d9%8a%d8%af%20%d8%a7%d9%84%d9%85%d9%88%d8%a7%d8%af%20%d8%a7%d9%84%d9%85%d8%b6%d8%a7%d9%81%d8%a9%2022%2001%201439.pdf](https://www.saso.gov.sa/ar/Certification/Certificates_of_conformity/Documents/%d9%82%d8%a7%d8%a6%d9%85%d8%a9%20%d8%a8%d8%a7%d9%84%d9%85%d8%b5%d8%a7%d9%86%d8%b9%20%d8%a7%d9%84%d9%85%d8%b1%d8%ae%d8%b5%20%d9%84%d9%87%d8%a7%20%d8%a8%d8%aa%d8%b2%d9%88%d9%8a%d8%af%20%d8%a7%d9%84%d9%85%d8%b5%d8%a7%d9%86%d8%b9%20%d8%a8%d8%a7%d9%84%d9%85%d9%88%d8%a7%d8%af%20%d8%a7%d9%84%d9%85%d8%b6%d8%a7%d9%81%d8%a9%2022%2001%201439.pdf)

List of Plastic of Plastic Products under SASO Technical Regulation

Below is the list of Plastic Products under the SASO Technical Regulation for Degradable Plastic Products:

No.	Products	Tariff Code
1	Carrier Bags	39211300
2	Courier Bags and Parcels	39211300
3	Mail Order Bags for Periodicals (Bags for Magazines and Newspapers)	39211300
4	Plastic Bags for Soil Treatment, Agricultural/Horticultural Applications (e.g. Banana Bags and Cultivated Soil Covers)	39269069
5	Bubble Plastic Bags and Plastic Covers for Protection against Shocks	39211200 39211100 39202000 39219000
6	Flower Plastic Wraps	39211200 39211100 39202000 39219000
7	Plastic Covers for Secondary Packaging	39211200 39211100 39202000 39219000
8	Elastic Plastic Films 'Rolls' for Goods' Packaging	39211300
9	Clinging Plastic Films 'Rolls' for Packaging	39211300
10	Plastic Liners for Cardboard Boxes	63063000
11	Polyethylene Sheets as Table Covers	39211900 39232100
12	Personal Care Products, Made of Plastics, such as Gloves, Shoe Covers, and Any Disposable Personal Care Plastic Products	39262090 39269099 63079040
13	Bags for Packaging of Bread, Nuts, Sweets and all Bakery Products	39232100
14	Plastic Bags for Saplings	39232100
15	Heat-Shrinkable Plastic Films 'Rolls'	39232100
16	All Plastic Bags for One-Time Use, Including Shopping Bags, Garbage Bags, Clothes Bags, One-Time Use Food Tools Like Plates, Spoons and Cups Of Food.	39151000 39173210 39241090 39232100 39241039

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