

**NIST Standards in Trade Workshop for the  
GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) on the  
Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Regulatory System for  
Product Control as Applied to Low Voltage Equipment and Toys**

**Draft Agenda**

<p><b>Monday, March 21, 2011</b> 100 Bureau Drive Heritage Room, Administration Building 101 NIST, Gaithersburg, MD 20899</p>	
11:30 am to 1:00 pm	<b>Registration</b>
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b> Sponsored by <a href="#">Association of Home Appliance Manufactures (AHAM)</a>
<p><b>Standards, Conformity Assessment and Regulation in the GCC</b></p>	
1:00 pm to 1:15 pm	<p><b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>Mr. Gordon Gillerman Director, Standards Services Group (SSG), NIST</p> <p>Eng. Saud Al Askar Director of Conformity Assessment Department, GSO</p>
1:15 pm to 2:00 pm	<p><b>Overview of GSO</b> Eng. Saud Al Askar</p>
2:00 pm to 2:15 pm	<p><b>Overview of the WTO TBT</b> Ms. Gwenann Manseau Senior Attorney, U.S. Department of Commerce</p>
2:15 pm to 3:00 pm	<p><b>Overview of the Regulatory Systems of the GCC and its Member States</b> Eng. Saud Al Askar</p>
3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	<p><b>Refreshment Break</b> Sponsored by <a href="#">American Council of Independent Laboratories (ACIL)</a></p>
3:30 pm to 4:00 pm	<p><b>Regional Conformity Assessment Scheme in the GCC and its Member States</b> Eng. Fathy Eid GSO Conformity Assessment Senior Specialist</p>

4:00 pm to 4:30 pm	<b>Approach to Technical Regulations Development and Use in the GCC</b> Eng. Fathy Eid
4:30 pm to 5:00 pm	<b>Forthcoming planning for other Product Categories in the GCC and its Member States</b> Eng. Fathy Eid
5:00 pm to 5:30 pm	<b>Q&amp;A</b> <b>Closing Remarks</b>

<p><b>Tuesday, March, 22, 2011</b> 100 Bureau Drive Heritage Room, Administration Building 101 NIST, Gaithersburg, MD 20899</p>	
8:30 am to 9:30 am	<b>Registration</b>
8:30 am to 9:30 am	<b>Continental Breakfast</b> Sponsored by <a href="#">Association of Home Appliance Manufactures (AHAM)</a>
<b>Electrical Safety for Low Voltage Equipment</b>	
9:30 am to 9:45 am	<b>Welcome</b> Mr. Gordon Gillerman Director, Standards Services Group (SSG), NIST  Eng. Saud Al Askar Director of Conformity Assessment Department, GSO
9:45 am to 10:15 am	<b>Electrical Safety System Infrastructure For the United States of America</b> Mr. Gene Eckhart Director, International Trade National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)
10:15 am to 10:30 am	The organizations below each represent a different set of constituents and will present on their areas of interest relevant to the GCC and GSO.  Mr. Wayne Morris Vice President, Division Services Association of Home Appliance Manufactures (AHAM)
10:30 am to 11:00 am	<b>Refreshment Break</b>

	<b>Sponsored by <a href="#">Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI)</a></b>
11:00 am to 12:00 pm	<p>Mr. Joshua Rosenberg Director, Global Policy Information Technology Industry Council (ITI)</p> <p>Mr. James Walters Vice President, International Affairs Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI)</p> <p>Mr. Gene Eckhart Director, International Trade National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)</p> <p>Mr. Milton Bush Chief Executive Officer American Council of Independent Laboratories (ACIL)</p>
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b> <b>Sponsored by <a href="#">National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)</a></b>
1:00 pm to 1:45 pm	<b>Low Voltage Devices Regulation in the GCC</b> Eng. Abdel Salam Benyaich GSO Conformity Assessment Senior Specialist
1:45 pm to 2:30 pm	<b>Product Safety Regulation in the GCC</b> Eng. Abdel Salam Benyaich
2:30 pm to 3:00 pm	<b>Refreshment Break</b> <b>Sponsored by <a href="#">Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI)</a></b>
3:00 pm to 5:30 pm	<p><b>Q&amp;A Panel Discussion</b> Moderated by Mr. Khaled Masri President, Standards Associates, LLC.</p> <p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p>

**Thursday, March 24, 2011**  
Toy Industry Association, Inc.,  
1115 Broadway, Suite 400  
New York, NY 10010  
and via webinar

<b>Standards, Conformity Assessment and Regulation in the GCC</b>	
8:30 am to 9:00 am	<b>Registration</b>
8:30 am to 9:00 am	<b>Continental Breakfast</b> Sponsored by <a href="#">Toy Industry Association, Inc.</a>
9:00 am to 9:15 am	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>  Mr. Carter Keithley President, Toy Industry Association, Inc.  Eng. Saud Al Askar Director of Conformity Assessment Dept., GSO  Mr. Erik Puskar Group Leader, Standards Services Group (SSG), NIST
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12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b> Sponsored by <a href="#">Toy Industry Association, Inc.</a>
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>Forthcoming planning for other Product Categories in the GCC and its Member States</b> Eng. Fathy Eid
<b>Product Safety and Toys</b>	

1:30 pm to 2:15 pm	<p><b>U.S. Regulation of Toys and Children’s Products</b> Ms. Mary Toro (via webinar) Director, Regulatory Enforcement Division, Office of Compliance &amp; Field Operations U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)</p> <p><b>U.S. Standards and Conformity Assessment for Toys</b> Ms. Joan Lawrence Vice President, Standards and Government Affairs, TIA</p>
2:15 pm to 2:45 pm	<p><b>Product Safety Regulation in the GCC</b> Eng. Abdel Salam Benyaich GSO Conformity Assessment Senior Specialist</p>
2:45 pm to 3:00 pm	<p><b>Refreshment Break</b> <b>Sponsored by <a href="#">Toy Industry Association, Inc.</a></b></p>
3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	<p><b>Toy Regulation in the GCC</b> Eng. Abdel Salam Benyaich</p>
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm	<p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p> <p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p>