

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

4:00 pm to 4:30 pm	Approach to Technical Regulations Development and Use in the GCC Eng. Fathy Eid
4:30 pm to 5:00 pm	Forthcoming planning for other Product Categories in the GCC and its Member States Eng. Fathy Eid
5:00 pm to 5:30 pm	Q&A and Closing Remarks Ms. Mary H. Saunders

<p>Tuesday, March, 22, 2011 100 Bureau Drive Heritage Room, Administration Building 101 NIST, Gaithersburg, MD 20899</p>	
8:30 am to 9:30 am	Registration
8:30 am to 9:30 am	Continental Breakfast Sponsored by Association of Home Appliance Manufactures (AHAM)
Electrical Safety for Low Voltage Equipment	
9:30 am to 9:45 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks 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	Electrical Safety System Infrastructure For the United States of America 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 Manufacturers (AHAM)
10:30 am to 11:00 am	Refreshment Break Sponsored by Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI)

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 and Mr. Bill Tritsis, Vice President, Certification Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI)</p> <p>Mr. Gene Eckhart Director, International Trade National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)</p> <p>Ms. Joan Sterling Director of Government Relations, Intertek and Mr. Steven Margis Director of International Certification Programs, Underwriters Laboratories for the American Council of Independent Laboratories (ACIL)</p>
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	<p>Lunch Sponsored by National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)</p>
1:00 pm to 1:45 pm	<p>Low Voltage Devices Regulation in the GCC Eng. Abdesselam Benyaich GSO Conformity Assessment Senior Specialist</p>
1:45 pm to 2:30 pm	<p>Product Safety Regulation in the GCC Eng. Abdesselam Benyaich</p>
2:30 pm to 3:00 pm	<p>Refreshment Break Sponsored by Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI)</p>
3:00 pm to 5:30 pm	<p>Q&A Panel Discussion Moderated by Mr. Khaled Masri President, Standards Associates, LLC.</p> <p>Closing Remarks Eng. Saud Al Askar and Mr. Gordon Gillerman</p>

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

Standards, Conformity Assessment and Regulation in the GCC

8:30 am to 9:00 am	Registration
8:30 am to 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast Sponsored by Toy Industry Association, Inc.
9:00 am to 9:15 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks Mr. Carter Keithley President, Toy Industry Association, Inc. Eng. Saud Al Askar Director of Conformity Assessment Dept., GSO Mr. Erik Puskar Program Manager, Standards Services Group (SSG), NIST
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Product Safety and Toys	
1:30 pm to 2:15 pm	U.S. Regulation of Toys and Children’s Products Ms. Mary Toro (via webinar) Director, Regulatory Enforcement Division, Office of Compliance & Field Operations U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) U.S. Standards and Conformity Assessment for Toys Ms. Joan Lawrence Vice President, Standards and Government Affairs, TIA
2:15 pm to 2:45 pm	Product Safety Regulation in the GCC Eng. Abdesselam Benyaich GSO Conformity Assessment Senior Specialist
2:45 pm to 3:00 pm	Refreshment Break Sponsored by Toy Industry Association, Inc.
3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Toy Regulation in the GCC Eng. Abdesselam Benyaich
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm	Q&A Session Moderated by Ms. Joan Lawrence, TIA Closing Remarks Mr. Carter Keithley President, Toy Industry Association, Inc. Eng. Saud Al Askar Director of Conformity Assessment Dept., GSO Mr. Erik Puskar Program Manager, Standards Services Group (SSG), NIST