

MARKET ENTRY BRIEF

Battery-operated toy car into Saudi Arabia

Product	Toy car with lights and sound, 3 × AA batteries, ABS plastic body, soft PVC tyres. Not remote-controlled. Ages 3+.
Origin	Manufactured in Shantou, China
Channel	Sold to Saudi consumers through Amazon.sa via a Saudi importer
Verified	Every statement checked against primary sources on 2 October 2026 (see labels)

SAMPLE BRIEF — illustrative product, real regulatory data

How to read the labels: **Regulation** text of the GCC toys regulation BD-131704-01 · **GSO** GSO's official list, register or guidance · **Reported** consistent secondary sources (testing firms, trade bodies), no official text found · **Expert-reviewed** our assessment for this product, reviewed by our editor from testing and certification experience

The short answer

- **Yes, it is regulated** under the GCC Technical Regulation on Children Toys (BD-131704-01), applied in Saudi Arabia. **Regulation**
- **Route in practice:** safety assessment and technical file → tests → G-Mark with QR code (GCTS) → product certificate on SABER, started by the Saudi importer → a shipment certificate for every consignment. **Reported** **Expert-reviewed**
- **Tests needed:** mechanical and physical (including sound levels), flammability, migration of elements, electric toy safety, and phthalates and PAHs in the soft tyres. That's 6 test areas, not the 47 standards on GSO's list. **Expert-reviewed**
- **Reusing EU reports:** GSO's guidance says test reports must come from **an accredited in-house laboratory or a GSO notified body**. EN 71 reports from a lab that is also on GSO's register are the most likely to be reusable. **GSO**
- **Watch the dates:** the 2018 edition of EN 71-1 is accepted only until 28 January 2028, and several other editions expire in 2027 (section 5). **GSO**

1 Does the regulation apply?

Yes. BD-131704-01 covers products "designed or intended, whether or not exclusively, for use in play by children under 14 years of age" (Article 1). A toy car for ages 3+ is squarely in scope. Electric toys may not run on more than 24 V; 3 × AA (4.5 V) is well within that (Annex II, Part IV). [Regulation](#)

REGULATION	GCC Technical Regulation on Children Toys, BD-131704-01 (Issue No. 2, 8 May 2013) Official source
ISSUED BY / APPLIED BY	GSO (Gulf Standardization Organization) / SASO in Saudi Arabia
ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS	Physical and mechanical, flammability, chemical, electrical, hygiene and radioactivity
HOW COMPLIANCE IS SHOWN	Meeting the harmonized standards GSO lists for the regulation gives a presumption of conformity

2 The route to market

What the regulation says. The manufacturer must carry out a safety assessment covering chemical, physical, mechanical, electrical, flammability, hygiene and radioactivity hazards (Article 17), and keep a technical file for 10 years (Articles 4 and 20). Where the toy fully meets the listed Gulf standards, the manufacturer declares conformity on the strength of test reports. A notified body's **type examination** is required where the standards are not fully applied (Annex IV). [Regulation](#) GSO's guidance adds that test reports must come from an accredited in-house laboratory or a notified body. [GSO](#)

What happens in Saudi practice:

- 1 Safety assessment, technical file and tests**
Including safety data sheets for the materials used (Annex IV). See section 3 for the tests.
Manufacturer or exporter. [Regulation](#)
- 2 G-Mark with QR code (GCTS)**
Toys must carry the GSO Conformity Tracking Symbol (the G-Mark plus a QR code) for a Saudi certificate to be issued. The certificate comes from a body on GSO's register. The mark must be at least 5 mm high, on the toy or its data plate, and on the packaging only where marking the toy is technically impossible.
Manufacturer, with a notified body. [Reported](#) (Intertek, QIMA) and [Expert-reviewed](#) · placement rules [GSO](#)
- 3 Register the product on SABER**
SASO's online platform. The Saudi importer starts the certification request by registering the product. This gives the Product Certificate of Conformity (PCoC).
Saudi importer. [Reported](#) (US International Trade Administration, trade.gov)

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Shipment Certificate of Conformity (SCoC) for each consignment

Required before customs clearance.

Saudi importer, on SABER. **Reported**

Check both lists: SABER certificates are issued by bodies on SASO's own list of accepted certification bodies, which is separate from GSO's G-Mark register. Confirm the body you choose covers toys on both. **GSO** register · SASO list

3 Tests that apply to this toy

For each requirement, pick **one** standards family: European (EN), international (ISO/IEC) or US (ASTM F963). GSO lists all three for this regulation, and toys that meet the listed standards are presumed to conform (Article 13). **GSO** **Regulation**

REQUIREMENT	STANDARD OPTIONS ON GSO'S LIST	WHY IT APPLIES	BASIS
Mechanical & physical, including sound	EN 71-1 · ISO 8124-1 · ASTM F963	Every toy: small parts, edges and points, wheels and axles, battery compartment. The toy makes sound, and the regulation sets noise limits.	Regulation
Flammability	EN 71-2 · ISO 8124-2	Every toy	Regulation
Migration of certain elements	EN 71-3 · ISO 8124-3	Limits apply to toy materials unless accessibility, function, volume or mass clearly exclude sucking, licking, swallowing or prolonged skin contact	Regulation
Electric toy safety	IEC 62115 / EN IEC 62115	The standard covers toys with at least one function that depends on electricity (lights and sound here)	GSO list · CEN-CENELEC scope
Phthalates DEHP, DBP, BBP	ISO 8124-6 · REACH items 51/52	The regulation limits these to 0.1% of the plastic in all toys (Annex II Part III point 12, Appendix 7-a). The soft PVC tyres are the risk.	Regulation

PAHs	REACH Annex XVII item 50	Limit 0.5 mg/kg in a toy's rubber or plastic parts in direct and prolonged or repeated contact with the skin (entry 50, para. 6). Tyres and body are handled.	GSO list · EU text
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Also applies, usually shown through supplier documents rather than a test: no CMR substances (carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction) in accessible parts above the regulation's limits (Annex II Part III points 2–3), backed by the materials' safety data sheets. [Regulation](#)

4 What you can skip

GSO's list for toys has 47 entries. Most cover other kinds of toys or materials and **do not apply to this car**.

ON GSO'S LIST	COVERS	THIS CAR	BASIS
EN 71-4 · ISO 8124-10	Chemistry experiment sets	Skip	GSO title
EN 71-5 · ISO 8124-11	Other chemical toy sets	Skip	GSO title
EN 71-7 · ISO 8124-7	Finger paints	Skip	GSO title
EN 71-8 · ISO 8124-4	Activity toys (swings, slides)	Skip	GSO title
EN 71-12	N-nitrosamines: banned only in toys for under-3s or toys meant for the mouth	Skip (ages 3+)	Regulation Annex II III.6
EN 71-13 · GSO 1943	Olfactory games, cosmetic and gustative kits	Skip	Regulation Annex II III.8, III.10
EN 71-14	Trampolines	Skip	GSO title
Phthalates DINP, DIDP, DNOP	Only toys that can be placed in the mouth	Skip (unless mouthable)	Regulation Appendix 7–b
BPA · TCEP/TCPP/TDCP	Specific limits for toys for under-3s or toys meant for the mouth	Skip (ages 3+)	Regulation Appendix 5 scope

Formamide	Foam toy materials	Skip (no foam)	EU text (2015/2115)
ISO 14362-1 · ISO 17234-2	Azo dyes in textile and leather parts	Skip (no textile or leather)	GSO title
Protocol No 2	Microbiological safety of toys containing liquids	Skip	GSO title
SASO Circular 247 (supplier name and CR number on the product, from 1 Oct 2026)	Ten listed technical regulations, such as strollers, child seats and e-scooters	Toys not listed	Reported (Global Validity, HQTS, UL)

Note: even without Circular 247, the toys regulation already requires the **importer's** name and address on the toy or packaging (Article 6(5)). [Regulation](#)

The saving: use one standards family, not three, and only the 6 test areas above. If you already hold EN 71-1, -2 and -3 and EN IEC 62115 reports, ask the notified body in writing whether it accepts them. GSO's guidance expects reports from an accredited in-house laboratory or a notified body, so reports from a lab that is itself on GSO's register are the strongest candidates. [GSO](#)

5 Edition deadlines to plan for

When GSO lists a newer edition, the older one stays acceptable until a set date. After that, reports on the old edition may no longer be accepted. [GSO](#)

OLDER EDITION (STILL ACCEPTED)	ACCEPTED UNTIL	NEWER EDITION LISTED
EN 71-2:2020	11 Jun 2027	EN 71-2:2020+A1:2025
EN 71-3:2019+A1:2021	16 Jun 2027	EN 71-3:2019+A2:2024
EN 71-1:2014+A1:2018	28 Jan 2028	EN 71-1:2026

Source: GSO's harmonized standards feed for BD-131704-01, read 2 October 2026 (dates in Saudi time). ISO 8124 and IEC 62115 editions also have transition dates; confirm them on GSO's list before booking tests.

6 Labelling and documents

ITEM	REQUIREMENT	BASIS
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Warnings	In Arabic , clearly visible, legible and accurate, on the toy, an affixed label or the packaging, and preceded by the word "Warning" or "Warnings" (Article 11(4)–(5)).	Regulation
Before purchase, including online	Warnings that affect the decision to buy, such as minimum and maximum age, must be visible before purchase, including when the toy is bought online (Article 11(6)). That covers the Amazon.sa listing.	Regulation
Instructions	Instructions and safety information in Arabic (Articles 4(9) and 6(6)).	Regulation
Manufacturer identification	Type, batch, serial or model number, plus the manufacturer's name and contact address, on the toy, or on the packaging or an accompanying document if that's not possible (Article 4(7)–(8)).	Regulation
Importer identification	The importer's name, registered trade name or trade mark and contact address, on the toy or, if that's not possible, the packaging or an accompanying document (Article 6(5)).	Regulation
Technical documentation	In Arabic. English may be submitted with the national authority's approval (Article 20(3)).	Regulation
G-Mark	At least 5 mm high, visible, legible and indelible, on the toy or its data plate (packaging only if technically impossible). In Saudi Arabia, with the QR code (GCTS).	GSO guidance · QR Reported

7 Who can certify it

GSO's register lists **27 notified bodies** for children's toys. At least 14 name a mainland China or Hong Kong location in their registered name (Shenzhen, Foshan, Hangzhou, Shanghai, Hong Kong), which is convenient for a Shantou factory. **GSO** They are listed alphabetically from the public register; inclusion is not a recommendation.

Bay Area Compliance Laboratories (Shenzhen)

BQC Certification (Foshan)

Centre Innovation International Inspection & Certification (Shenzhen)

China Quality Certification Centre

Cotecna CPS Middle East

DQC – Done Quality Certification

Fahes Trading Company

GCC Lab Conformity Assessment Company (GCA)

- Geo Chem Independent Quality Certification Services

- Global Technical Certification

- Intertek Testing Services Hong Kong

- MOTABAQAH Certification (Foshan)

- Nemko Korea

- Pioneer Testing Technology (Hangzhou)

- QIMA Limited

- RACS Quality Certificates Issuing Services

- Raqabah for Inspection, Testing and Certification (RITC)

Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO)
SGS-CSTC Standards Technical Services (Shenzhen)
SGS Hong Kong
Shenzhen Toby Technology
TÜV Austria (Shanghai branch)

- TÜV Rheinland Hong Kong
- TÜV Rheinland Middle East
- TÜV SÜD Hong Kong
- Turkish Standards Institution (TSE)
- UL VS Hong Kong

8 Open points to confirm before you book

- **Existing reports:** will your chosen notified body accept your current EN 71 / IEC 62115 reports, and from which labs?
- **Remote-controlled versions:** a radio-controlled model may also need radio type approval from Saudi Arabia's Communications, Space & Technology Commission (CST). That is outside this brief. Reported
- **Electrical and electronic equipment rules:** check with the certification body whether Saudi Arabia's RoHS technical regulation is applied to this electric toy.
- **Fees and lead times:** get written quotes from two or three notified bodies. Costs vary by body and by how many test reports can be reused.

9 Sources (all checked 2 October 2026)

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3. GSO harmonized standards list for BD-131704-01: gso.org.sa
4. GSO register of notified bodies, children's toys: gso.org.sa
5. SASO list of accepted certification bodies (SABER): saso.gov.sa
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