

Saudi Arabia's SASO Standards on Coated Coil Come Into Effect

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The Saudi Arabian Standards, Metrology and Quality Organisation (SASO) has brought into effect the new specification for coated steel coils that was approved on October 13 last year, Metal Bulletin has learnt.

The SASO standards for galvanized and colour-coated coils are adopted ASTM standards but are modified to suit the Saudi Arabian local market.

Under SASO standards, the mandatory figure for zinc coating of coils is 90g/sq m. Under ASTM A755-15, the minimum quantity is recommended to be 180-275g/sq m.

SASO has a mandatory lead limit of 90mg/kg in paint for top coat, primer and back coat, but ASTM A744-15 has no limit for lead.

SASO also requires mandatory product marking to be applied every metre, including sheet thickness, coating mass, paint thickness top and bottom, country of origin and the manufacturer's name.

Saudi Arabian buyers of coated coil will probably face penalties if they import galvanized or colour-coated steel which does not conform to SASO standards. Stockists, meanwhile, will have to clear out their non-conforming stocks of such materials before October 14, 2017, in order to avoid penalties.

Saudi Arabian flat steel reroller and coater Unicoil worked with SASO in developing the standards.
