

Jordan

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The Jordan Institution for Standards and Metrology <http://www.jism.gov.jo> is the official/national recognized body in Jordan for the preparation and publication of Jordanian Standards.

Standards Organizations

JISM issues two types of standards:

- Mandatory standard: these standards cover products, which affect consumers' health and safety such as food products, chemical detergents, electrical equipment and personal safety equipment.
- Optional standard: Optional for manufacturers and importers, examples include furniture products, clothes, textile and shoes.

JISM set and publish food standards for the JFDA to follow. The JFDA test and approve the products before going into sale.

NIST Notify U.S. Service

Member countries of the World Trade Organization (WTO) are required under the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT Agreement) to report to the WTO all proposed technical regulations that could affect trade with other Member countries. **Notify U.S.** is a free, web-based e-mail subscription service that offers an opportunity to review and comment on proposed foreign technical regulations that can affect your access to international markets. Register online at Internet URL: <http://www.nist.gov/notifyus/>

Conformity Assessment

Companies interested in obtaining conformity certificates or Jordanian Quality Marks for their products can send their request directly to the Certification Unit at JISM. 55

Product Certification

JISM operates product and system certification programs. The process to receive a quality mark is divided into four stages: application procedure, assessment procedure, certification procedure, and surveillance procedure. Details on the procedure can be found at <http://jism.gov.jo/>

Accreditation

Imported goods subject to mandatory standards require verification through laboratory testing in Jordan. JISM undertakes these responsibilities by cooperating with official parties (the approved labs) such as Ministry of Health labs, JISM's labs, Amman Municipality labs, National Center for Agricultural Research and Technology Transfer/Ministry of Agriculture labs and Royal Scientific Society (RSS), all of which perform the inspection and testing of the delivered samples from the control department.

Publication of Technical Regulations

Technical standards (Jordan Quality Mark) are published in the Jordan official Gazette in hard copy only and are registered in the Jordan Quality Mark database. It can also be purchased in a hard copy from JISM.

Labeling and Marking

Imported products must comply with labeling and marking requirements issued by the Institute of Standards and Metrology and relevant government ministries. Details on labeling requirements are presented above.

Trade Agreements

The Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the U.S. and Jordan came into full force in January 2010. There are several other bi- and multilateral agreements for details on trade agreements, protocols, and trade memos of understanding (MOUs) with Jordan, please refer to <http://www.agreements.jedco.gov.jo>

Web Resources

Jordan Institution for Standards and Metrology: <http://www.jism.gov.jo>

Jordan Ministry of Industry and Trade: <http://www.mit.gov.jo>

Jordan Food and Drug Administration: <http://www.jfda.gov>