SPRING SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SINGAPORE STANDARDS – 5 DECEMBER 2014

Singapore Standards are established based on an open system which is also in accordance with the World Trade Organisation requirements. SPRING Singapore is inviting public comments for the following drafts and Singapore Standards:

(I) **Building and Construction**

**Revision**

1. **Specification for fire shutters** (Revision of SS 489 : 2001)

This standard specifies requirements and testing methods to assess the fire-resistance of the shutter required to protect openings in walls and to resist passage of fire. It applies to fire-resistant vertical roller shutters, lateral shutters, horizontal roller shutters and folding sliding shutters.

The revision includes the following:

(a) incorporating fire curtains (fabric type) as a type of fire shutter;
(b) introducing new figures like example of location of unexposed face thermocouples, general arrangement (rolling shutter doorset) and frames for supporting the cotton pad.

Users of the standard may include architects, professional engineers, consultants, contractors, manufacturers/suppliers, facilities managers, building owners/developers and relevant government bodies.

(II) **Chemical**

**Review**

(NOTE: Review the existing standard to determine if it should be updated, confirmed or withdrawn – no new drafts/versions at this juncture)

2. **Specification for identification of contents of industrial gas containers**

(SS 152 : 2003)

This standard specifies requirements for the identification of contents of industrial gas containers as defined in the standard. It excludes the identification of medical gas containers.

Users of the standard may include manufacturers and suppliers, testing agencies, purchasers and relevant government bodies.
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NOTE

1) The viewing period of the drafts will expire on the closing of the 2-month public comments. Drafts will no longer be available after this date.
2) The submission form for comments can be downloaded at http://www.spring.gov.sg/public_comments

The closing date for comments is **6 February 2015**.

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Frequently asked questions about public comment on Singapore Standards:

1. What is public comment?

Singapore Standards are established based on an open system which is also in accordance with the World Trade Organisation requirements. These documents are issued as part of a consultation process before any standards are introduced or reviewed. This important stage in the development of Singapore Standards is the Public Comment period. This mechanism helps industry, companies and other stakeholders be aware of forthcoming changes to Singapore Standards and provide them with an opportunity to influence, before their publication, the standards that have been developed by their industry and for their industry.

2. How does public comment benefit me?

The benefits are:

- It ensures that your views are considered and gives you the opportunity to influence the content of the standards in your area of expertise and in your industry;
- It enables you to be familiar with the content of the standards before they are published and you stand to gain a competitive advantage with this prior knowledge of the standards.

3. Why do I have to pay for the standards which are proposed for review or withdrawal?

These standards are available for free viewing at Toppan Leefung Pte Ltd and the National Library Board at the addresses given above. However, the normal price of the standard will be charged for those who wish to purchase a copy. At the stage where we propose to review or withdraw the standards, the standards are still current and in use. We seek comments for these standards so as to:

- provide an opportunity for the industry to provide inputs for the review of the standard that would make the standard suitable for the industry’s use,
- provide feedback on the continued need for the standard so that it will not be withdrawn,

4. What happens after I have submitted my comments?

The comments will be channelled to the relevant standards committee for consideration and you will be informed of the outcome of the committee’s decision and you may be invited to meet the committee if clarification is required on your feedback.

5. Can I view drafts after the public comment period?

Drafts will not be available after the public comment period.

6. How do I request for a new standard?

You can inform us of your standardisation needs by completing the Proposal Form at Standards & You.