SPRING SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SINGAPORE STANDARDS – 3 JANUARY 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) Chemical

Revision

1. Specification for liquid chlorine (Revision of SS 131 : 1975) (S$6.00 per copy)

This standard specifies liquid chlorine for industrial use and use in the treatment of water.

This is a revision of SS 131: 1975 – Specification for liquid chlorine. The revision resulted in changes in test methods specified in this standard.

Users of the standard include test laboratories, manufacturers, purchasers and related government agencies.

Amendment

2. Amendment No. 1 to Specification for hydrochloric acid, technical (SS 8 : 2013)

This amendment updates Clause 8 on labelling to state that each container shall be clearly marked in accordance to the current version of SS 586 : Part 2.

(NOTE: The draft amendment is available for download at: http://www.spring.gov.sg/public_comments)

(II) Electrical

Withdrawal

3. Specification for portable 2-pin socket-outlets for class II equipment for household and similar purposes (SS 488 : 2001)

This standard is recommended for withdrawal as the regulator and industry can refer directly to the latest edition of IEC 60884-1, “Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes”.

Review

The following standards will be reviewed with the intention to confirm them:

4. Code of practice for lighting of work places (SS 531)


This code specifies lighting requirements for outdoor work places, which meet the needs for visual comfort and performance. All usual visual tasks are considered.

This code does not specify lighting requirements with respect to the safety and health of workers at work, although the lighting requirements, as specified in this standard, usually fulfil safety needs.

This code specifies the lighting requirements which will contribute to the visual needs for safety and security within outdoor work places.


This TR specifies the performance requirements for LED modules, together with the test methods and conditions, required to show compliance.

6. Technical Reference for luminaire performance (TR 28)

Part 1: 2011 General requirements (Identical adoption of IEC PAS 62722-1 : 2011)

This TR covers specific performance and environmental requirements for luminaires. It incorporates electric light sources for operation from supply voltages up to 1 000 V where claims of operational performance are made.

Part 2-1: 2011 Particular requirements for LED luminaires (Identical adoption of IEC PAS 62722-2-1 : 2011)

This TR specifies the performance requirements for LED luminaires, together with the test methods and conditions, required to show compliance. It applies to LED luminaires for general lighting purposes, where claims of operational performance are made.

Copies of the drafts and standards are available at:

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The closing date for comments is 4 March 2014 for the establishment, amendment and withdrawal of Singapore Standards and 4 February 2014 for the review of the Singapore Standards.

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Note: Comments are to be submitted through http://www.spring.gov.sg/public_comments.

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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.

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- 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.

5. 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.

6. Can I purchase drafts after the public comment period?

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7. How do I request for a new standard?

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