SPRING SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SINGAPORE STANDARDS – 6 FEBRUARY 2015

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 Singapore Standards:

(I) Chemical

Review
(NOTE: Review the existing standard to determine if it should be updated, confirmed or withdrawn if they no longer serve the industry’s needs – no new draft/version)


This standard covers bituminous emulsions capable of being sprayed on or brush-applied in relatively thick films as part of a waterproofing system for roof surfaces having inclines of not less than 1 in 70.

Users of the standard include manufacturers and bitumen suppliers, coating suppliers, testing laboratories, applicators, contractors and relevant government agencies.

(II) Food

Withdrawal

2. Specification for carbonated and non-carbonated beverages (SS 62 : 1997)
5. Specification for soya bean milk and soya bean drink (SS 302: 1985)
7. Specification for plain semi-sweet biscuits (non-creamed) (SS 329: 1988)

The standards are outdated and not relevant anymore. Users can refer directly to local regulations (such as the Singapore Food Regulation) and relevant international standards.

Proposed new work items
(NOTE: No drafts available at this juncture)

8. Cold chain management of frozen fish and seafood

This standard will specify the proper cold chain management of fish and seafood from the harvesting practices at the farm or sea, to post-harvesting handling, packing / packaging, storage, transportation, distribution, and retail sale so as to ensure food safety, freshness and quality.

This standard does not apply to chilled fish and seafood.

Potential users of the standard may include logistics service providers, retailers, wholesalers and distributors.
9. **Organic primary produce**

This standard will specify the requirements to obtain certification for organic primary produce.

Potential users of the standard may include farmers, packers, import/export companies, retailers and relevant regulatory authorities.

Copies of the standards are available at:

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NOTE – The submission form for comments can be downloaded at: http://www.spring.gov.sg/public_comments

The closing date for comments is **7 April 2015** for the withdrawal of the food standards and **9 March 2015** for the review and the new work items.

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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](#).