SPRING SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SINGAPORE STANDARDS – 4 MARCH 2016

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 draft and new work items:

(I) Management Systems/Processes

New

1. *Occupational health and safety management systems – Requirements with guidance for use*

We are seeking comments on the upcoming ISO 45001 which is currently in the drafting stage. These comments will be reviewed by the national standardisation committee in charge of Singapore’s inputs, and where appropriate, will be submitted to ISO for their consideration. If found suitable, ISO 45001 will be considered for adoption as a Singapore Standard.

This standard specifies requirements for an occupational health and safety (OH&S) management system, with guidance for its use, to enable an organisation to provide safe and healthy working conditions for the prevention of work-related injury and ill health and to proactively improve its OH&S performance. This includes the development and implementation of an OH&S policy and objectives which take into account applicable legal requirements and other requirements to which the organisation subscribes.

This standard is applicable to any organisation regardless of its size, type and activities and applies to the OH&S risks under the organisation’s control, taking into account factors such as the context in which the organisation operates and the needs and expectations of its workers and other interested parties. Potential users of the standard may include government bodies, regulators, OH&S professionals, professional engineers, academic institutions, labour organisations, consultants, testing laboratories and contractors.

*NOTE:
To view the draft:

Login to Singapore Standards eShop at:
http://www.singaporestandardseshop.sg
[Login ► Browse ► Product Categories ► Singapore Standards ► Drafts (Singapore Standards) ► Select draft]
The viewing period of the draft will expire on the closing of the 2-month public comments. It will no longer be available after this date.

The submission form for comments can be downloaded at:
http://www.spring.gov.sg/public_comments
2. Technical Reference for management best practices for estate agents

This Technical Reference (TR) specifies the requirements for estate agent's management framework and processes, including training and development of salespersons, operations management processes, and service delivery and customer satisfaction. This TR is applicable to estate agents of all sizes. It aims to promote the quality of estate agency services provided by an estate agent and focuses on the implementation and effectiveness of the systems and processes put in place by the estate agents to recruit, train, develop, motivate and manage their salespersons.

Potential users of the standards may include CEA-licensed estate agents for the conduct of estate agency work in Singapore."

(II) Building and Construction

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

3. Execution of steel structures and aluminium structures

EN 1090 specifies structural steel and aluminium components, fabrications and kits of parts manufactured from steel and aluminium and steel components used in composite steel and concrete structures. These are all intended for permanent use in buildings, bridges, highways and other civil engineering structures. EN 1090 consists of the following 3 parts:

Part 1: Requirements for conformity assessment of structural components (Identical adoption of EN 1090:2009+A1)

This standard specifies the requirements for conformity assessment of performance as construction products. They are essentially criteria such as toughness, fire resistance, fatigue performance, etc.

Part 2: Technical requirements for steel structures (Identical adoption of EN 1090:2008+A1)

This standard specifies the requirements for the manufacturing of structural steelwork including bolting and welding

Part 3: Technical requirements for aluminium (Identical adoption of EN 1090:2008)

This standard specifies the requirements for the execution of aluminium structures to ensure adequate levels of mechanical resistance, stability and durability.

Potential users of the standards may include architects, professional engineers, consultants, manufacturers and suppliers, tertiary institutions, testing laboratories and relevant regulatory bodies.

(III) Information Technology

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

4. Guidelines for cloud outage incident response (COIR)

This standard specifies a set of guidelines that focus on cloud outage directly associated with operational mistakes, infrastructures or system failures and environmental issues (e.g.
flooding, fire). It excludes cyber security and malicious acts. The guidelines can apply to any industry and is primarily meant to serve the needs of all cloud users. It is applicable to all types of cloud service models as well as cloud deployment models.

Potential users of the standard may include all companies and businesses who are using or subscribing to cloud services, especially the SMEs, in Singapore. They will benefit from the adoption of the guidelines for better outage protection to complement their own business continuity/IT disaster recovery capabilities.

5. Technical Reference for data versioning

This standard specifies a set of guidelines on dataset versioning for adoption by Data-as-a-Service (DaaS) providers. Such recommendations/guidelines on creation and management of possibly multiple copies of same datasets will be implemented to allow users to have clarity of its applicability and thus appropriate usage of the datasets made available by DaaS providers.

Potential users of the standard may include businesses that may use/analyse data for competitive advantages and better decision-making. Citizens and individuals are likewise empowered to create values (via applications or tools or analysis to generate insights) in some positive and constructive ways (improving education; government; social benefits and building tools to solve real world problems).

The closing date for comments is 5 May 2016 for the draft and 5 April 2016 for 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 Apply for a Standard.