SPRING SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SINGAPORE STANDARDS – 18 MARCH 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 draft Singapore Standards:

(I) Information Technology

Revised

1. Specification for multi-tiered cloud computing security (Revision of SS 584 : 2013)

This standard aims to encourage the adoption of sound risk management and security practices for cloud computing, by providing relevant cloud computing security practices and controls for cloud users, auditors and certifiers to understand cloud security requirements, and for public cloud service providers to strengthen and demonstrate the cloud security controls in place, in their cloud environments.

In this revision of SS 584, apart from editorial changes, the main changes are made to the requirements for background screening (7.1.4), secure configuration (14.1.4) and physical security-visitors (18.4.2c).

(II) Management Systems

New


This standard specifies guidance for establishing, developing, implementing, evaluating, maintaining and improving an effective and responsive compliance management system within an organisation.

The extent of the application of these guidelines depends on the size, structure, nature and complexity of the organisation. This standard is based on the principles of good governance, proportionality, transparency and sustainability.

This standard applies to all types of organisations.


This standard contains principles and requirements for the competence, consistency and impartiality of bodies providing audit and certification of all types of management systems.

Certification bodies operating to ISO/IEC 17021-1 do not need to offer all types of management system certification.

Certification of management systems is a third-party conformity assessment activity and bodies performing this activity are therefore third-party conformity assessment bodies.
4. **Environmental management systems — General guidelines on principles, systems and support techniques** (Revision of SS ISO 14004:2004) (Identical adoption of upcoming ISO 14004)

This standard provides guidance on the establishment, implementation, maintenance and improvement of an environmental management system with the potential to integrate it into the core business process.

While the guidelines in this standard are consistent with the ISO 14001 environmental management system model, they are not intended to provide interpretations of the requirements of ISO 14001.

The revision of SS ISO 14001 is required to update the Singapore Standard to be in line with the International Standard.

The guidelines in this standard are applicable to any organisation, regardless of its size, type, location or level of maturity.

* NOTE –
  i. Drafts SS ISO/IEC 17021-1 and SS ISO 14004 are currently based on the Draft International Standards (FDIS and DIS respectively) but the final adoption will be based on the published ISO standards targeted to be published in 2015.
  ii. Comments received will be considered by the national committee responsible for the Singapore input to the ISO standards and where appropriate, taken on for international consideration during the final drafting phase.

Copies of the drafts are available for viewing at:

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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 19 May 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.