SPRING SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SINGAPORE STANDARDS – 26 MARCH 2013

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) **Food**

1. **Guidelines on food safety management for food service establishments** (S$ 6.00 per copy)

This standard is meant for use in the majority of small and medium food service establishments. It provides the necessary steps to assist companies to put in place a basic food safety management system based on HACCP principles.

The standard focuses on critical hazards found in a typical food service establishment and on measures to control and minimise them. The standard is to be used in conjunction with the following two sets of documents which will be published separately:

- Supplement to the standard – contains samples of documentation, HACCP plans and guidance on good food hygiene and food handling practices that are important to food safety (to be made available in editable digital format and bundled for sale with the standard); and
- Blank templates and records based on the HACCP concept (to be made available for free download from the National Environment Agency’s website when they are published).

The Supplement, blank templates and records are not part of the Singapore Standard but for the purpose of obtaining feedback from the relevant stakeholders on their suitability to be used in conjunction with the standard, they are released for consultation together.

Those who may be interested in the Singapore Standard and the two sets of documents released with it include caterers and restaurants serving food at the retail level, academic institutions, relevant government bodies, consultants, and F&B associations.

(II) **Electrical**

2. **Amendment No. 1 to Code of practice for the design, installation and maintenance of emergency lighting and power supply systems in buildings, Part 2 : Installation requirements and maintenance procedures** (SS 563 : Part 2 : 2010)

The amendment is provided to clarify the design requirement under 6.2 ‘Duration of operation at the time of commissioning’. The discharge test of battery replacement is also updated. The proposed changes would be of interest to building owners, fire safety related qualified personnel and resident inspectors, electrical consultants, manufacturers, test bodies and professional engineers.

*(Note: The draft amendment is available for download at: http://www.spring.gov.sg/public_comments)*
Review of Electrical Standards

(NOTE: Comments are on the existing standards and not new drafts/versions)

The following standards will be reviewed to determine if they should be updated, confirmed or withdrawn:


   This standard specifies the requirements for adaptors, including shaver adaptors, having insulating sleeves on the line and neutral plug pins and suitable for use with socket-outlets complying with SS 145.


   This standard specifies the performance requirements and provide test methods for mechanical and fire tests applicable to cables rated at voltages not exceeding 600/1000 V.

5. **Guide to the selection and application of intruder alarm systems** (SS 344 : 1989)

   This standard recommends the most appropriate type of equipment and method to be used for the three fundamental elements, which are the detector, control unit and alarm.

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

   This standard gives basic dimensions, requirements and tests for portable 2-pin socket-outlets to be designed and constructed so that under normal use, their performance is reliable and without danger to the users or surroundings.


   This code provides guidance for illuminance, glare limitation and colour quality for general building areas, offices, types of industries, power stations, retailing, restaurants, hotels, places of entertainment, libraries, indoor car parks, educational buildings, health care premises, airports and places of worship. The review will result in the confirmation of the standard as the adopted publication is still current.

(IIII) **Building and Construction**

Review of Building and Construction Standards

(NOTE: Comments are on the existing standards and not new drafts/versions)

The following standards will be reviewed to determine if they should be updated, confirmed or withdrawn:

8. **Code of practice for design and installation of partition walls** (CP 90 : 2001)

   This standard gives recommendations for the design and installation of partition walls. It also gives the functions and properties of partition walls. Recommendations for ensuring that the design is realised on site and maintained after completion are also included.

9. **Specification for performance requirements for strength and robustness (including methods of test) for partition walls** (SS 492 : 2001)

   This standard specifies the performance requirements for strength and robustness of a sample partition wall. The specimen to be tested includes a doorset. The surface finish of the partition is also tested. It gives performance levels for each requirement tested based on the frequency and/or intensity of the loads of the partition wall.
Copies of the drafts and standards are available at:

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The closing date for comments is 27 May 2013 for the establishment and amendment and 27 April 2013 for the review of Singapore Standards. The public can send their comments on-line through http://www.spring.gov.sg/public_comments to:

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Note: Comments are to be submitted on-line 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.

3. **Why do I have to pay for the draft?**

   The drafts are available for free viewing at Toppan Leefung Pte Ltd and the National Library Board at the addresses given above. However, a nominal price of $6.00 per copy of the drafts is charged for copyright and administrative reasons for those who wish to purchase the drafts. National standards are knowledge documents developed by standards committees for the specific industry. The release of the draft for public comment is to allow other members of the industry affected to make the standard more suitable for their use. The charge for public comments on national standards is an international norm for national standards bodies and free distribution is not possible due to copyright reasons as national standards are an embodiment of knowledge. ISO/IEC sells the ISO/IEC draft standards at the full price similar to a published ISO/IEC standard.

4. **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,

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?**

   Drafts will not be available after the public comment period.

7. **How do I request for a new standard?**

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