SPRING SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SINGAPORE STANDARDS – 15 MAY 2012

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.

Six drafts to be established as Singapore Standards:

1. **Singapore National Annex to Eurocode 2 : Design of concrete structures – Part 2 : Concrete bridges – Design and detailing rules** (S$6.00 per copy)

   The Singapore National Annex (NA) is essential to guide the local adoption of EN 1992-2.

   EN 1992-2 describes the principles and requirements for safety, serviceability and durability of concrete structures, together with specific provisions for bridges. It is based on the limit state concept used in conjunction with a partial factor method.

   Users of the standard include professional engineers, architects, qualified persons, consultants, clients, academia and regulatory authorities.

2. **Specification for full-cream sweetened condensed milk** (Revision of SS 10 : 1970) (S$6.00 per copy)

3. **Specification for evaporated milk (unsweetened full cream condensed milk)** (Revision of SS 114 : 1974) (S$6.00 per copy)

4. **Specification for reconstituted or recombined milk** (subjected to the sterilisation process) (Revision of SS 148 : 1976) (S$6.00 per copy)

5. **Specification for skimmed and whole milk powder** (Revision of SS 260 : 1982) (S$6.00 per copy)

6. **Specification for filled milk sweetener** (Revision of SS 330 : 1988) (S$6.00 per copy)

   The standards on milk cover the requirements and methods of test. The revisions were mainly to update these methods of test.

   Those interested in these standards include milk and milk products manufacturers and their suppliers, and traders.

Six Singapore Standards to be withdrawn:

7. **Specification for portable fire extinguishers** (SS 232)

   SS 232 Parts 1 to 6 are proposed for withdrawal following the establishment of SS EN 3 series of standards on portable fire extinguishers.
One Singapore Standard to be reviewed:

8. Specification for manhole tops and surface-box tops (SS 30 : 1999)

This standard specifies requirements for manhole tops and surface-box tops with a clear opening up to and including 1000 mm, for installation within areas subjected to pedestrian and/or vehicular traffic. The purpose of this standard is to establish definitions, grades, materials, design and testing requirements and marking of manhole tops and surface-box tops.

The review of this standard will be carried out with the intention of confirming it.

Copies of the drafts and standards are available for reference/sale at:

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The closing date for comments is 16 July 2012 for the establishment and withdrawal of Singapore Standards and 16 June 2012 for the review of the Singapore Standard. The public can send their comments on-line through http://www.spring.gov.sg/public_comments to:

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Note: With effect from January 2010, we accept comments only in electronic formats on-line through http://www.spring.gov.sg/public_comments or by email to kay_chua@spring.gov.sg (attachments in the email, if any, are to be in revisable electronic formats to enable ease of use by the secretariat).

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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 at the address 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 at the address 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 found at: http://www.standards.org.sg/files/invitation_to_new_standards.htm

8. **How do I get updates of Singapore Standards or standardisation activities?**

   We provide a free email alert service, "Update Me". You can register at: http://www.standards.org.sg/Forms/UpdateMe.cfm

For more information on the national standardisation programme, please visit the Standards Website at: http://www.standards.org.sg/index.cfm.