SPRING SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SINGAPORE STANDARDS – 9 APRIL 2010

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.

One draft to be established as a Singapore Standard:

1. Code of practice for demolition (Revision of SS CP 11 : 2002) (S$6.00 per copy)

   The Code recommends good practice methods for the safe demolition of buildings and structures. It also takes into account issues which affect the environment.

   This revision covers:

   (a) development of the demolition plan and stability report;
   (b) proper and effective management of the demolition process;
   (c) maintaining structural stability, through the provision of temporary structural supports, where necessary;
   (d) managing deliberate collapse.

   Users who would be interested in the Code include consultants, PEs, building demolition specialists, contractors, BCA and MOM.

   (Note: The revised code will carry the prefix ‘SS’ instead of ‘CP’, i.e. SS XXX : 2010, XXX representing the number that will be assigned when the standard is approved, instead of CP 11.)

Two draft amendments to be incorporated in the Singapore Standards:

2. Amendment No. 1 to Code of practice for safety management system for construction worksites (SS CP 79 : 1999)

   In the amendment to Clause 2.6, the occupier shall establish and maintain a list of all relevant statutory requirements. The list of examples will be deleted.


   In this amendment, the Note after Annex ZZA has been updated to make clear that both sampling and tests under “Other requirements” are to be conducted in Singapore, and to include the reference to Table 4 of SS EN 197-1 on properties and test methods.

   (Note: The draft amendments are available for download at: http://www.spring.gov.sg/public_comments)
Nine Singapore Standards to be reviewed:


This Code represents a standard for good practice for safety management at construction worksites.

This standard is being reviewed with the intention to confirm the standard with amendments (see item 2 above).

5. Specification for switches for household and similar fixed-electrical installations

General requirements (SS 227-1 : 2000)

This standard applies to manually operated general purpose switches, for a.c. only with a rated voltage not exceeding 440 V and a rated current not exceeding 63 A, intended for household and similar fixed-electrical installations, either indoors or outdoors. The rated current is limited to 16 A maximum for switches provided with screwless terminals.

Particular requirements for electronic switches (SS 227-2-1 : 2000)

This standard applies to electronic switches and to associated electronic extension units for household and similar fixed electrical installations either indoors or outdoors. It applies to electronic switches for the operation of lamp circuits and the control of the brightness of lamps (dimmers) as well as the control of the speed of motors (e.g. those used in ventilating fans) and for other purposes (e.g. heating installations), with a working voltage not exceeding 250 V a.c. and a rated current up to and including 16 A.

SS 227 Parts 1 and 2-1 are being reviewed with the intention to withdraw them as users may refer directly to the current IEC 60669 standards.

6. Specification for polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 470/750 V

General requirements (SS 358-1 : 1996)

This standard applies to rigid and flexible cables with insulation, and sheath if any, based on polyvinyl chloride, of rated voltages Uo/U up to and including 450/750 V used in power installations of nominal voltage not exceeding 450/750 V a.c.

Test methods (SS 358-2 : 2005)

This standard specifies methods of carrying out the tests as stated in other parts of SS 358.

Non-sheathed cables for fixed wiring (SS 358-3 : 1996)

This standard details the particular specifications for polyvinyl chloride insulated single-core non-sheathed cables for fixed wiring of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V.

Flexible cables (cords) (SS 358-5 : 2005)

This standard provides the particular specifications for polyvinyl chloride insulated flexible cables (cords) of rated voltages up to and including 300/500 V. It is used in the Consumer Protection (Safety Requirements) Registration Scheme.

SS 358 is being reviewed with the intention to confirm the standards.
7. **Soft solder alloys – Chemical compositions and forms (SS ISO 9453 : 1990)**

This standard specifies the requirements for chemical compositions for the following families of soft solder alloys: tin-lead, with and without antimony; tin-silver, with and without lead; tin-copper, with and without lead; tin-antimony; tin-lead-bismuth; bismuth-tin; tin-lead-cadmium; tin-indium; and lead-silver, with and without tin.

8. **Soldering and brazing materials – Methods for the sampling of soft solders for analysis (SS ISO 10564 : 1993)**

This standard specifies methods for sampling a consignment of soft solder which is subdivided into batches and the procedures for the preparation of an analysis sample representative of each batch.

The above standards on solders are being reviewed with the intention to withdraw them as users may refer directly to the current ISO standards.

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

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The closing date for comments is **10 June 2010** for the establishment and amendment of Singapore Standards and **10 May 2010** 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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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?

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4. Why do I have to pay for the standards which are proposed for review, withdrawal or archival?

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, withdraw or archive 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,
- provide feedback to update the standard proposed for archival given that an archived will be kept in its present form and will not be updated.

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. What is archival of standards?

Archived standards are standards that are not expected to change over time, and are still in use. A review would be initiated only upon a request from the industry or the standards committee.

7. Can I purchase drafts after the public comment period?

Drafts will not be available after the public comment period.

8. How do I request for a new standard?

You can inform us of your standardisation needs by completing the Proposal Form found at:


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

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For more information on the national standardisation programme, please visit the Standards Website at: