SPRING SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SINGAPORE STANDARDS – 15 JUN 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 Singapore Standards.

Five Singapore Standards to be reviewed:

1. **Specification for flexible rubber tubing, rubber hose and rubber hose assemblies for use in LPG vapour phase installations (SS 233 : 1996)**

   This standard specifies performance and dimensional requirements for rubber tubing, hose and complete assemblies for use in LPG vapour phase installations in environments up to a maximum ambient temperature of 60 °C.

   This review is required to update the standard.

2. **Specification for power transformers (SS 404)**


   This standard specifies the design and construction of transformers to withstand the thermal and dynamic effects of external short circuits under specified conditions. It includes tests to demonstrate the ability to withstand short circuit.

   **Part 8 : 2000 Application guide** (Identical adoption of IEC 60076-8 : 1997)

   This standard provides information to users about certain fundamental service characteristics of different transformer connections and magnetic circuit designs; system fault currents; parallel operation of transformers, calculation of voltage drop or rise under load; selection of rated quantities and tapping quantities, application of transformers of conventional design to converter loading; and measuring techniques.

   The review of SS 404 may lead to the withdrawal of the standards as direct reference can be made to the latest editions of the IEC standards.


   This standard specifies requirements and test methods for vehicle security alarm systems (VSAS) intended for installation within vehicles used for the carriage of passengers and having not more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat. It aims to ensure a high standard of safety, performance and reliability of the VSAS and the reduction of false alarms. It covers VSAS designed to detect and signal the unauthorised opening of any of the vehicle doors, boot/luggage compartment, bonnet/engine hood and, in addition, to immobilise the vehicle when set. It also covers VSAS intended both for installation as original equipment and for installation after delivery of the vehicle.

   The review of SS 445 may lead to the withdrawal of the standard as direct reference can be made to the latest edition of the IEC 60839-10-1.

This standard enables an organisation in the chemical industry to set-up, implement, maintain and improve its management system so as to control its OSH risks and improve its performance. It is intended to address OSH processes rather than product and services.

The intent of the review is to update the standard.

**One new work item:**

The public can provide comments on the following new standardisation project which has just commenced:


This standard for business continuity management specifies requirements to plan, establish, implement, operate, monitor, review, maintain and continually improve a documented management system to protect against, reduce the likelihood of occurrence, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disruptive incidents when they arise.

The requirements are generic and intended to be applicable to all organisations, regardless of the type, size and nature of the organisation. The extent of application of these requirements depends on the organisation's operating environment and complexity.

*(Note: New work items are at the preparatory stage, thus their drafts are not available at this juncture.)*

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

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The closing date for comments is **16 July 2012**. The public can send their comments on-line through [http://www.spring.gov.sg/public_comments](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?**

   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.