SPRING SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SINGAPORE STANDARDS – 6 JUL 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.

Four drafts to be established as Singapore Standards:

1. **Societal security – Business continuity management – Requirements** (Identical adoption of SS ISO 22301) ($45.69 per copy*)

   This standard 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 – *Customers who purchase draft SS ISO 22301 will be provided with the final printed copy of the standard when it is published as a Singapore Standard.)*

2. **Water efficiency management systems – Requirements with guidance for use** (S$6.00 per copy)

   This standard specifies requirements for a water efficiency management system which will enable an organisation to take a systematic approach in order to achieve continual improvement of water efficiency and to develop and implement water saving measures. This standard is applicable to any organisation that wishes to:

   a) achieve efficient use of water through the reduce, replace and reuse approach;
   b) establish, implement and maintain water efficiency;
   c) continually improve water efficiency.

   It also specifies requirements applicable to water usage, including monitoring, measurement, documentation and reporting, design and procurement practices for equipment, systems, processes and personnel that contribute to water efficiency.

3. **Code of practice for use and maintenance of portable fire extinguishers (Revision of CP 55 : 1991)** (S$6.00 per copy)

   The code covers the selection, installation, inspection, testing and maintenance of portable fire extinguishers and the requirements given herein are minimum. Portable fire extinguishers are appliances to be used as a first line of defence against small fires. They are essential even if other forms of fire protection equipment like hose reels, sprinklers and rising mains are installed in the premises.

   The Code is specially prepared to assist in selecting the proper extinguishers and to install and maintain them correctly. The requirements are general in nature and are not intended to supersede the specific requirements of relevant authority for specific occupancies.
Interested parties across all industries include developers, manufacturers, suppliers, testing laboratories, professional engineers, architects, registered inspectors, consultants, contractors, fire safety professionals, safety officers, facilities management professionals and relevant government agencies.

(NOTE – CP 55 will carry the prefix ‘SS’ instead of ‘CP’, i.e. SS XXX : 2012, XXX representing the number that will be assigned when the standard is approved, instead of CP 55.)

4. Specification for fineness and marking of articles of precious metals (S$6.00 per copy)

This standard deals with the system of description and marking of articles of precious metals. It does not cover articles which are intended to be used for medical, dental, veterinary, scientific and industrial purposes. It also does not apply to articles made of alloys of a fineness less than 850‰ for platinum, 375‰ for gold, 500‰ for palladium and 800‰ for silver.

Those interested in this standard include consumers, retailers, traders, distributors, manufacturers and testing laboratories.

**Three Singapore Standards to be withdrawn:**

5. Specification for toilet bowl cleaning compound (SS 312 : 1986)

This standard is proposed for withdrawal because sodium bisulphate type of cleaning compound for use as toilet bowl cleaner is no longer in use and the market trend is moving towards multi-purpose cleaning products. There is no replacement for this standard.


7. Specification for vitreous china WC pans for use with low capacity WC flushing cisterns up to 4.5L maximum (SS 379 : 1996)

The above two standards on WC flushing cisterns and pans are proposed for withdrawal as they are superseded by SS 574 : Parts 1 and 2 on dual flush low capacity water closet (WC) up to 4.5/3.0 litres capacity.

**Five Singapore Standards to be reviewed:**

(NOTE – The review is carried out on existing Singapore Standards and no new drafts are available at this juncture.)

8. Specification for graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs (SS 508)


This standard establishes the safety identification colours and design principles for safety signs to be used in workplaces and in public areas for the purpose of accident prevention, fire protection, health hazard information and emergency evacuation. It also establishes the basic principles to be applied when developing standards containing safety signs.


This standard establishes additional principles to SS 508-1 for the design of safety labels for products, i.e. any items manufactured and offered for sale in the normal course of commerce, including but not limited to consumer products and industrial equipment.

This standard is not applicable to safety labels used for chemicals, transport of dangerous substances and preparations, and in those sectors subject to legal regulations which differ from certain provisions of this standard.

This standard prescribes safety signs for the purposes of accident prevention, fire protection, health hazard information and emergency evacuation.


This standard gives principles, criteria and guidance for the design of graphical symbols for use in safety signs as defined in SS 508-1, and the safety sign element of product safety labels as defined in SS 508-2.

The SS 508 series of standards are applicable to workplaces and all locations and all sectors where safety-related questions may be posed. However, they are not applicable to the signalling used for guiding rail, road, river, maritime and air traffic.

It is proposed to initiate the review of the SS 508 series of standards so as to align the requirements to the latest ISO standards/amendments and to harmonise the standards with other parts of SS 508.


This code covers the selection, care and maintenance of steel wire ropes for hoisting as specified in Singapore Standard, SS 297 – “Specification for steel wire ropes for hoisting”.

The objective of this code is to establish a sound practice for the safe and economical application of steel wire ropes. It provides equipment owners, operators and maintenance personnel with a guide on the proper selection, care and maintenance of steel wire ropes.

This review is required to update the standard.

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

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The closing date for comments is 7 September 2012 for the establishment and withdrawal of Singapore Standards and 7 August 2012 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 – 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).

For more information on the standards, please contact Mrs Kay Chua, Manager at Tel: (65) 6279 1804, Email: kay_chua@spring.gov.sg or Fax: (65) 6659 0639.

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 or at the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library, National Library Board (NLB), Level 7, 100 Victoria Street, Singapore 188064. The standards viewing hours at NLB are from Monday to Sunday, 10 am to 8.30 pm. You may email ref@nlb.gov.sg or sms: 9178 7792 to schedule an appointment to view the drafts. 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:
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: