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SPRING SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SINGAPORE STANDARDS – 10 JULY 2014

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) Management System

Revision


This standard describes the fundamental concepts, principles and vocabulary of quality management, and defines related terms, which are universally applicable to the following:

- organisations seeking sustained success through the implementation of quality and other management systems;
- customers seeking confidence in organisation’s ability to provide satisfactory products;
- organisations seeking confidence in their supply chain that their product requirements will be met;
- those interested parties seeking to improve communication through a common understanding of the terminology used in quality management;
- organisations performing conformity assessments against the requirements of ISO 9001;
- those providing training in quality management;
- developers of related standards.


This standard specifies requirements for a quality management system where an organisation:

- needs to demonstrate its ability to consistently provide product or service that meets customer and applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, and
- aims to enhance customer satisfaction through the effective application of the system, including processes for continual improvement of the system and the assurance of conformity to customer and applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

All requirements of this standard are generic and are intended to be applicable to all organisations, regardless of type, size and product provided.

The revision of SS ISO 9000 and SS ISO 9001 is required to update the Singapore Standards to be in line with the International Standards.

Note:

i. Drafts SS ISO 9000 and SS ISO 9001 are currently based on the Draft International Standards (ISO/DIS) but the final adoption will be based on the published ISO standards targetted to be published by the end of 2015.

ii. Comments received will be considered by the national committee responsible for the Singapore input to the ISO standards and where appropriate, taken on for international consideration during the final drafting phase.
Withdrawal


   This standard is recommended for withdrawal as it has been replaced by SS ISO 22301: 2012 – “Societal security – Business continuity management – Requirements”.

(II) **Chemical**

4. **Amendment**

   Amendment No. 1 to Specification for elastomeric seals for joints in pipework and pipelines (SS 270: 1996)

   This amendment replaces the withdrawn reference standards with the current ones.

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

(III) **Electrical**

5. **Withdrawal**

   Code of practice for the installation and maintenance of emergency lighting and power supply systems in buildings (CP 19: 2000)

   This standard is recommended for withdrawal as it has been replaced by SS 563 (Parts 1 and 2), – “Code of practice for the design, installation and maintenance of emergency lighting and power supply systems in buildings”.

(IV) **General Engineering and Safety**

6. **Withdrawal**

   **Specification for steel wire ropes for hoisting** (SS 297: 1996)

   **Code of practice for the selection, care and maintenance of steel wire ropes for hoisting** (CP 35: 1996)

   SS 297 and CP 35 are recommended for withdrawal as they have been replaced by the new SS 595 (Parts 1 to 3), “Singapore Standard for steel wire ropes for hoisting”.
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**NOTE**

1) The viewing period of the drafts will expire on the closing of the 2-month public comments. Drafts will no longer be available after this date.
2) The submission form for comments can be downloaded at http://www.spring.gov.sg/public_comments

The closing date for comments is **11 September 2014**.

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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 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,

4. 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.

5. Can I view drafts after the public comment period?

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6. How do I request for a new standard?

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