SPRING SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SINGAPORE STANDARDS – 4 NOVEMBER 2011

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.

**Twenty-six Singapore Standards to be withdrawn:**

1. **Code of practice for lightning protection** (CP 33 : 1996)

   This standard is proposed to be withdrawn as it has been replaced by SS 555 which comprises the following parts under the general title ‘Code of practice for protection against lightning’:
   
   Part 1: 2010 – General principles
   Part 2: 2010 – Risk management
   Part 3: 2010 – Physical damage to structures and life hazard
   Part 4: 2010 – Electrical and electronic systems within structures


   This standard is proposed for withdrawal as it has been replaced by the new SS 570 : 2011 – ‘Personal protective equipment for protection against falls from a height – Single point anchor devices and flexible horizontal lifeline systems’. SS 402 : Part 1 was earlier withdrawn as it was replaced by the SS 528 series of standards – ‘Personal fall arrest systems’ and SS 541 : 2008 – ‘Restraint belts’.


5. **Conduit systems for cable management** (SS 504)


6. **Information technology – Coding of moving pictures and associated audio for digital storage media at up to about 1.5 Mbit/s** (SS 461)

7. Information technology – Generic coding of moving pictures and associated audio information (SS 462)


(Identical adoption of ISO/IEC 13818-9: 1996)

Items 3 to 7 are proposed for withdrawal as users can make direct reference to the latest edition of the relevant IEC or ISO standards.

8. National information infrastructure (NII) standards (SS 463)

Part 4: Electronic mail and directory (SS 463: Part 4: 1999)
Part 5: Electronic commerce (SS 463: Part 5: 1999)

It is proposed to withdraw the SS 463 series of standards without any replacement as they have become outdated.

Two Singapore Standards to be reviewed:

9. Sulphuric acid (SS 130: 2001)

This specification prescribes the requirements and the methods of sampling and test for sulphuric acid.


This specification covers limits and methods of test for free sulphur trioxide residue on ignition and iron content.

The review of SS 130 and SS 132 will be carried out with the intent to update the standards.

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

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The closing date for comments is 5 January 2012 for the withdrawal of Singapore Standards and 5 December 2011 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).

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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.