SPRING SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SINGAPORE STANDARDS – 20 SEPTEMBER 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.

Two drafts to be established as Singapore Standards:

1. **Specification for unplasticised PVC pipes and fittings below ground for drainlines and sewers** (Revision of SS 272 : 1983) (S$6.00 per copy)

   This standard specifies the requirements for unplasticised polyvinyl chloride (uPVC) pipes and fittings, and accessories for drainlines and sewers carrying sewage and/or waste water for use below ground.

   In this revision, the scope has been expanded to adequately address the requirements for fittings. This revision also brings the standard up-to-date and makes it more comprehensive by the incorporating recommendations made in the latest relevant international and overseas standards.

   Those who may be interested in the standard include manufacturers and suppliers, testing agencies, contractors, consultants, professional engineers and relevant government bodies.

2. **Specification for fire dampers** (Revision of SS 333 : 1996) (S$6.00 per copy)

   This standard is intended to complement the fire-protection requirements for building regulations and provides only minimum requirements. This standard covers the installation and construction of the fire damper assemblies. The requirements in this standard generally refer to materials and assemblies, which, through field experience, have been found acceptable for such application.

   This revision includes the updates of test standards for fire damper components, locations where fire dampers are prohibited and the requirements on testing, inspection and maintenance.

   Interested parties may include manufacturers and suppliers, professional engineers, academic institutions, relevant government agencies, workplace safety and health (WSH) professionals and practitioners.

One draft amendment to be incorporated in the Singapore Standard:

3. **Amendment No. 1 to Specification for pressed steel sectional rectangular tanks**

   (SS 22 : 1979)

   The review resulted in the confirmation of the standard and the amendments to update the standards referred to.

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Seven Singapore Standards to be withdrawn:

4. Methods of sampling and tests for fats and oils (SS 11)
   
   
   
   
   
   Part 5: 1994 Determination of litre weight in air (Identical adoption of BS 684: Section 1.1: 1985)
   
   
   
   Part 8: 1994 Determination of alkalinity [Identical adoption of BS 684: Section 2.5: 1989 (1990)]
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   

The above standards on methods of sampling and tests for fats and oils are proposed for withdrawal as users can refer directly to the latest relevant ISO or British Standards. Parts 0, 14, 17, 20 to 23 are scheduled for review in 2013.


Feedback sought from industry members, government agencies and domestic gas suppliers shows that there are currently no known users of SS 239: 1980, therefore, this standard is proposed for withdrawal.
One Singapore Standard to be reviewed:


This standard specifies requirements for the most commonly used steel wire ropes in hoisting
and also incorporates the procedures for the testing of rope wires.

Steel wire ropes are important components in most mechanical handling and hoisting
equipment. As the majority of steel wire ropes used for hoisting are imported from overseas
manufacturers, this Singapore Standard serves to give guidance to users on the appropriate
type and grade of wire ropes for hoisting and winching operations.

This review is required to update the standard.

Five new work items:

The public can provide comments on the following new standardisation projects which have just
commenced:

(Note: The announcement of new works is to create awareness and to obtain any initial feedback for
possible inclusion in the drafts. As these new work items are at the preparatory stage, their drafts are
not available at this juncture. Once the draft Singapore Standards are ready, they will be released for
a 2-month public comment.)

7. Business continuity management systems – Guidance

This standard will be an adoption of ISO 22313, which is currently under development at the
Draft International Standard stage. This standard for business continuity will provide
guidance based on best international practices for planning, establishing, implementing,
operating, monitoring, reviewing, maintaining and continually improving a documented
management system that enables organisations to prepare for, respond to and recover from
disruption.

This standard will be generic and applicable to all sizes and types of organisations.

8. Technical Reference (TR) for cleaning performance of food and beverage (F&B)
establishments

The TR is intended to be used to specify the performance standards expected of service
providers in the cleaning of F&B establishments. The TR will aim to create a common
understanding between service buyers and providers in establishing cleaning specifications,
and to lift the service quality of the cleaning companies.

Users of the TR will include service buyers such as food courts, hawkers, restaurants and
service providers like cleaning companies.

9. Signage in public places

The standard will aim to develop a set of signage design guidelines or specifications covering
the following:

a) Type of signage commonly used in public areas;
b) Location and material of signage;
c) Design of signage in terms of colour, graphic, wordings, symbol, etc. with consideration of
   the scale, distance and other possible features.

The standard is expected to be used by the building and construction, public infrastructure,
facilities and recreational industries. The standard is also intended to be used by the
government agencies and be incorporated into new developments.
10. **Nutritional standard for food service establishments that provide meals for older persons**

The standard will specify the requirements for food preparation and provisions for older persons so as to ensure they receive safe and adequate food to meet their nutritional needs and achieve optimal health.

This standard will be relevant to social care facilities such as day care centres, intermediate and long term care facilities and meals on wheels that provide food for older persons. While some of these facilities engage a dietician to review their menus, there are currently no universal standards by which these dieticians can assess the meals against and provide critique and advice. Creating a food service standard for older persons will provide a benchmark for industry to ensure they are met.

11. **Minimising accident risks at homes for older persons**

The standard will aim to develop a set of guidelines or specifications to create a safe and elder-friendly home environment which can be achieved through looking into aspects of home environment to minimise accident and fall risks. The scope of the standard will cover aspects of home safety and recommendations that will help older persons to maintain independence and live safely at homes, for example, through proper design of kitchens and bathrooms, grab bars, luminance of lights, etc.

The standard will be relevant to government agencies, such as Building and Construction Authority, Housing & Development Board, private developers, home owners and nursing homes.

Copies of the drafts and standards are available at:

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The closing date for comments is **21 November 2012** for the establishment, amendment and withdrawal of Singapore Standards and **22 October 2012** for the review of Singapore Standards and the commencement of new work. 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 and the National Library Board at the addresses 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 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,

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: http://www.standards.org.sg/index.cfm.