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SPRING SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SINGAPORE STANDARDS – 5 OCTOBER 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_Five Singapore Standards to be withdrawn:_

   
   Feedback on SS 128 and SS 149 sought from industry members, government agencies and test laboratories shows that there are currently no known users of the standards, therefore, they are proposed to be withdrawn.

3. **Specification for power transformers (SS 404)**
   
   - **Part 8 : 2000 – Application guide** (Identical adoption of IEC 60076-8 : 1997)


   The standards on power transformers and alarm systems for passenger cars are proposed to be withdrawn as users of the standards can make direct reference to the latest edition of the IEC standards.

_Ten Singapore Standards to be reviewed:_

The following standards will be reviewed to determine if they should be updated, confirmed or withdrawn.


   This standard covers the definitions, classification and requirements for polyvinyl chloride resins produced by suspension polymerisation. It also covers tests for the determination of specific viscosity, apparent density, particle size, sulphated ash, volatile matter, impurities and foreign matter, pH of aqueous extract, and ‘K value’ of PVC resin.


   This standard specifies the requirements and test methods for solid elastomeric joint seals for use in the jointing of pipes for potable water and drainage.

7. **Specification for lifting gears (SS 343)**
   
   - **Part 1 : 2001 – Wire rope slings**

   This standard specifies the dimensions, constructions, working load limits, testing and marking of wire rope slings for general lifting purposes.
Part 2 : 1989 – Hooks

This standard provides specifications for six types of gorged or drop forged trapezoidal section of two forms, the point hook and the ‘C’ hook. Each form of hook is specified with a screwed shank, or alternatively with an eye with chain or wire rope thimbles, the ‘C’ hook in the latter case being supplied with a link.

Part 3 : 1990 – Shackles

This standard specifies the general characteristics, performances and critical dimensions necessary for interchangeability and compatibility with other components, of forged dee and bow shackles in a range of sizes having a safe working load from 0.63 to 100 t, and in grades M(4), S(6) and T(8).

SS 363 is applicable to manufacturers, testing agencies, professional engineers, consultants, academic institutions and relevant government bodies.


This standard specifies requirements for steel gratings in steel frames for roads and drainage, and steel kerb-type gratings and frames. It is applicable to government bodies, associations and testing agencies dealing with such steel gratings.


This standard applies to the microfilming of source documents on 16 mm black and white, silver gelatin microfilm using planetary and rotary cameras. It describes filming conditions and procedures. It does not cover quality control, filming on 35 mm and 105 mm formats, colour microfilming, filming on 16 mm camera-processor and filming on 35 mm planetary camera using 16 mm format.

10. Code of practice for microfilming of technical drawings and other drawing office documents on 35 mm black and white, silver-gelatin type microfilm/planetary camera filming – Operating procedures (SS 521 : 2006)

This standard applies to the microfilming of technical drawings and other drawing office documents on 35 mm black and white, silver-gelatin type microfilm using planetary cameras only. It describes filming conditions and procedures. It does not cover quality control, filming on 16 mm and 105 mm formats, colour microfilming and filming on 35 mm camera-processor.

11. Code of practice for quality control inspection of 16 mm and 35 mm black and white, silver-gelatin type microfilm (SS 522 : 2006)

This standard applies to the quality control of 16 mm and 35 mm black and white silver gelatin type microfilm. It does not cover filming on 16 mm and 35 mm camera-processor and colour microfilming. It includes a section on use of control strips to monitor processing.


This standard applies to the microfilming of local newspapers on 35 mm black and white silver-gelatin type microfilm using planetary cameras. It describes filming conditions and procedures. It does not cover quality control, filming of newspapers on 16 mm and 105 mm formats, colour microfilming and filming on 35 mm camera-processor.

Those who may be interested in the standards on microfilms include National Archives, National Library and other government bodies, as well as media and publishing companies and any organisations that archive their documents.
Copies of the standards are available at:

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Operating Hours:
Mon to Fri: 9.30am to 6.00pm
Closed on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays

The closing date for comments is 6 December 2012 for the withdrawal of Singapore Standards and 6 November 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: Comments are to be submitted on-line through http://www.spring.gov.sg/public_comments.

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 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: