SPRING SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SINGAPORE STANDARDS – 6 NOVEMBER 2015

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) Biomedical

1. *Good distribution practice for medical devices – Requirements

This standard specifies requirements for a quality system used by an organisation for the handling, storage, delivery, installation, servicing and secondary assembly, with respect to the medical devices they deal with.

Potential users of this standard may include organisations involved in medical devices distribution and certification bodies for auditing the organisation's ability to meet the requirements specified within this document.

2. *Herbs, medicine and standard concoctions nomenclature for traditional Chinese medicine

This standard is a non-exhaustive list of nomenclature for Chinese medicine and standard concoctions used in traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) for easy referencing between their respective Chinese, hanyu pinyin, scientific, Latin and common English names.

This standard is expected to be used by the Singapore Chinese Physicians’ Association as resource material and by TCM colleges for teaching and training.

3. *Prescription labelling for traditional Chinese medicine

This standard specifies the prescription label requirements (font, patient identification, physician identification, prescription date, expiry date, medication name, precautions, and instruction of use and location of label) to facilitate comprehension by caregivers or patients. This standard is applicable to all labels for identification of medicine (including tablets, concoctions, powder and herbs) prescribed for recipients by TCM physicians.

This standard is expected to be used by the TCM Practitioners' Board as part of the ethical code and practices for TCM practitioners in Singapore.

(II) Electrical and Electronics

Proposed new work item
(NOTE: No draft available at this juncture)

4. Self-ballasted lamps for general lighting services – Performance requirements (Identical adoption of IEC 60969-2001)

This standard specifies the performance requirements together with the test methods and conditions required to show compliance of tubular fluorescent and other gas-discharge lamps with integrated means for controlling starting and stable operation (self-ballasted lamps), intended for domestic and similar general lighting purposes.
Potential users of the above standards may include test laboratories, manufacturers, purchasers, suppliers, professional engineers, consultants, licensed electrical workers and relevant government agencies.

(III) **Information Technology**

**Withdrawal**

5. **Construction information indexing** (SS 376 : 1995)

This standard is recommended for withdrawal as it is obsolete. There is no known replacement for this standard.

Copies of the drafts and standards are available at:

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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 **7 January 2016** for the establishment and withdrawal of Singapore Standards and **7 December 2015** for the proposed new work item.

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

   Drafts will not be available after the public comment period.

6. **How do I request for a new standard?**

   You can inform us of your standardisation needs by completing the Proposal Form at **Apply for a Standard**.