SPRING SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SINGAPORE STANDARDS – 15 DECEMBER 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) **Building and Construction**

**Revised**


This standard defines and specifies requirements and conformity criteria for admixtures for the use in grouts for prestressing tendons according to EN 447, “Grout for prestressing tendons – Basic requirements”. It covers admixtures for use in site mixed grout only.

Provision for the use of grout admixtures are not part of this standard but are covered by EN 447.

Potential users may include professional engineers, architects, consultants, contractors, suppliers/manufacturers, testing/accreditation bodies, tertiary institutions and relevant regulatory/government agencies.

**Confirmation with Amendment**


SS 544 : Part 2 is confirmed with an amendment that arose because the “immersion method” for testing admixture was removed from SS EN 934-4 (see also item 1). The test temperature is included in the new Annex ZZE in SS 544 : Part 2.

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

(II) **Food**

**New**

3. *Cleaning performance for retail food and beverage (F&B) premises* (Review of TR 34 : 2013)

This standard specifies the quality of cleaning services in retail F&B premises to meet performance standards. The principle of the measuring system that determines the quality of cleaning service is based primarily on visual judgement of selected elements to be inspected.

This standard does not apply to areas such as food storage and food handling/preparation areas (e.g. cold room, kitchens and food stalls).

This standard is intended to replace the TR 34 : 2013, – “Technical Reference for cleaning performance of retail food and beverage (F&B) premises".
(III) **General Engineering and Safety**

New

4. **“Code of practice for safe use of mobile elevating work platforms”**

This standard specifies safety requirements for the protection of persons working with mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs) and includes persons at or near these machines. It covers the basic safety principles, operation, maintenance and inspection of MEWPs. It is applicable to all MEWPs that are intended to position persons, tools and materials and which, as a minimum, consist of a work platform with controls, an extending structure and a chassis. The standard also highlights the responsibilities of various stakeholders.

This standard does not cover manufacturing specifications and requirements.

Potential users of the standard may include manufacturers and suppliers, safety officers, contractors, industry associations and relevant government agencies.

(IV) **Information Technology**

New

5. **“Singapore Standard for ISO 20022 corporate-to-bank payment initiation and payment status”**

This standard provides the message definition for corporations or solution providers to initiate FAST or GIRO transaction to banks. It covers the credit transfer (fund transfer), direct debit (GIRO collection) and payment status.

This standard does not cover the message structure and business arrangement between banks and corporations, which will be managed by the respective banks.

Potential users may include banks and corporations who want a standardised message data to initiate and process the payment status of FAST and GIRO transactions in Singapore.

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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 **16 February 2016**.

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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:
   
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   - 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.

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   - 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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