SPRING SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SINGAPORE STANDARDS – 18 NOVEMBER 2016

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 new work items (NWIs).

NWIs are newly approved proposals to develop new Singapore Standards or Technical References (pre-standards). They are work-in-progress and drafts are not available at this juncture.

Members of the public are notified so that they can provide early feedback on the scope of the standard and content that could be included into them.

(I) Building and Construction

1. Technical Reference for fabric ducting

The standard provides a set of guidelines for the design and maintenance of fabric ducting for air distribution system. It covers:

- Characteristics of materials;
- Fire safety requirement;
- Quality management;
- Design considerations and typical design;
- Installation, maintenance and warranty.

Potential users of the standard include architects, professional engineers, consultants, contractors, developers and property and facility management professionals.

2. Technical Reference for facility design guidelines of community hospitals

This standard covers the following three main fundamental key planning units (KPU) of community hospitals:

a) Inpatient accommodation – covers accommodation for rehabilitation care and sub-acute care;
b) Outpatient accommodation – includes home care services; and
c) Clinical support areas – covers medical social services, rehabilitation and allied health unit.

Potential users of the standard include architects, professional engineers, consultants, contractors, developers, operators of community hospitals and relevant regulatory bodies.
(II) **Energy**

3. **General technical rules for measurement, calculation and verification of energy savings of projects** (Identical adoption of ISO 17741:2016)

   This standard specifies the general technical rules for measurement, calculation and verification of energy savings in retrofits projects or new projects. The standard provides the basic procedure of measurement and verification (M&V) of energy savings of M&V plan. A common understanding of M&V on project level is established by outlining how calculation methods for M&V could be selected under different project scenarios.

   The standard is applicable to all the project stakeholders that aim to quantify the energy savings over a specific period in the new projects or retrofit projects.

(III) **Manufacturing**

4. **Technical Reference for federated locker and collection points**

   This standard defines and standardises the datasets and communication protocol between e-commerce storefront, logistic service provider (LSP) and parcel locker / collection point operator. The standardised documents, services and data exchange formats will facilitate the efficiency in goods delivery processes and interoperability among participating partners.

   Potential users of the standard include retailers, e-commerce merchants, LSPs, parcel locker/collection point operators and consumers.

   The closing date for comments is **19 December 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:
   
   - 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.