ENTERPRISE SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS – 7 DECEMBER 2018

Under the National Standardisation Programme, the public comment period is an important stage of standards development. Members of the public are invited to provide feedback on draft Singapore Standards for publication and work item proposals for development and review of Singapore Standards and Technical References. The establishment of Singapore Standards is done in accordance with the World Trade Organisation’s requirements for the development of national standards.

Members of the public are invited to comment on the following Singapore Standard and new work item proposals under the building and construction area.

Withdrawal

The following Singapore Standard is proposed for withdrawal:

1. **Code of practice for foundations** [CP 4 : 2003 (2012)]

   This standard provides recommendations for the design and construction of foundations for the normal range of buildings and engineering structures. It serves as a guideline for achieving a technically sound, safe and economical solution in the design and construction of these foundations.

   This standard is recommended for withdrawal as it has been superseded by current developments in Eurocode 7 on geotechnical design, BCA guidelines and LTA guidelines.

   Users can refer directly to the above documents that supersede CP 4.

   For more information on viewing the document, [click here](#).

   Closing date for comments: 8 February 2019.

Proposal for New Work Items

New Work Items (NWIs) are approved proposals to develop new Singapore Standards or Technical References (pre-standards).

Members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the following new standard and contents that can be included into it:

2. **Design of fibre concrete structures** (Modified adoption of Swedish Standard SS 812310:2014)

   This standard specifies requirements to local practitioners in the design of concrete structures using fibre as reinforcement; steel and/or polymeric material for the fibre will be considered. The fibre replaces steel reinforcement bars (rebars) which are conventionally used as reinforcement in concrete construction. The use of rebars entails cutting, bending, fabrication and installation of the rebars before the concrete is poured. Whereas, for the fibre, it is mixed directly into the wet concrete during the concrete production stage.

   Potential users of the standard include consultants, contractors, developers, professional engineers, suppliers / manufacturers, tertiary institutions, testing bodies, accreditation bodies and relevant government agencies.

   The NWI is work-in-progress and the **draft is not available** at this juncture.

   Closing date for comments: 8 January 2019.
Proposal for the Review of Singapore Standards

Published Singapore Standards are reviewed to determine if they should be updated, confirmed or withdrawn (if they no longer serve the industry’s needs) or classified as mature standards (no foreseeable changes; to be reviewed only upon request).

Members of the public are invited to comment on the scope and contents of the following standards to be reviewed:

3. **Code of practice for ceramic wall and floor tiling** (CP 68 : 1997)

   This standard gives recommendations on basic workmanship for internal and external wall and floor tiling on building sites. The recommendations apply to the fixing of ceramic tiles to walls and floors.


   This standard specifies materials and performance standards for metal-framed curtain walls and gives guidelines for good practices in the design and installation of a curtain wall system.

5. **Materials and performance tests for aluminium curtain walls** [SS 381 : 1996 (2007)]

   This standard specifies materials and performance standards for aluminium curtain walls. The performance standard includes only tests for air permeability, watertightness and structural performance.

   This standard may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. It is not intended to address all of the safety problems associated with their use.

   These three standards are reviewed with the intention to update them.

   Users of the standards include architects, professional engineers, consultants, contractors, developers, testing/accreditation bodies and relevant regulatory/government agencies.

The reviews are ongoing and new versions/drafts are not available at this juncture. Users can refer to the current standards to provide feedback. [Click here](#) to view and purchase the standards.

Closing date for comments: **8 January 2019**.

Members of the public are invited to join as standards partners, resource members or co-opted members subject to the approval of relevant committees and working groups.

To comment or to join in the development of standards, please write to **kay_chua@enterprisesg.gov.sg**.

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Frequently asked questions about public comment on Singapore Standards:

1. **What is the public comment on Singapore Standards?**

   Singapore Standards are established based on an open system which is also in accordance with the requirements of the World Trade Organisation. These documents are issued as part of a consultation process before any standards are introduced or reviewed. The public comment period is an important stage in the development of Singapore Standards. This mechanism helps industry, companies and other stakeholders to be aware of forthcoming changes to Singapore Standards and provides 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 on Singapore Standards benefit me?**

   This mechanism:
   - 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;
   - 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 all public libraries. 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 the development of a new standard?**

   You can propose the development of a new standard here.