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ENTERPRISE SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS – 15 FEBRUARY 2019

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.

A) Notification of Draft Singapore Standards for Publication

Members of the public are invited to comment on the following Singapore Standard documents:

Chemical – [pipeline service corridors](#)

Food – [organic primary produce](#)

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

Closing date for comments: **16 April 2019**.

Please submit comments to: kay_chua@enterprisesg.gov.sg.

B) Notification of New Work Item Proposals

B.1 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 new standard and contents that can be included into the following proposal:

Service – [internship in the hospitality sector](#)

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

Closing date for comments: **16 March 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.

A) Notification of draft Singapore Standards for Publication

(I) Chemical

Revision

1. ***Code of practice for the design, construction and operation of pipeline service corridors**
(Revision of SS 512 : 2005)

This standard sets down the engineering and management system requirements in the design, construction and operation of pipeline service corridors in Singapore. This standard is applicable only for new pipelines/piperack/pipetrack in service corridors.

The key changes in this revision include new requirements on fire water line, separation distance between piperack and adjacent company boundary, leak detection system and patrolling of petroleum and flammable materials (P&FM) pipelines for Classes 1 and 2 locations. In addition, the annexes on hazard register, qualitative risk matrix, quantitative risk assessment study, conceptual health, safety and environmental evaluation for pipelines and safety management systems have been revised to comply with changing industry practices and new legislations.

Potential users of the standard may include chemical and petrochemical companies, third party logistics companies and pipeline service corridor owners/operators, and relevant government agencies.

(II) Food

Amendment

2. Amendment No. 1 to Specification for organic primary produce (SS 632 : 2017)

This amendment elaborates on the requirements of shortening the conversion period for farmland with different land/soil conditions. It also includes the consideration of acceptance of products that are certified to all national organic standards accredited to ISO 17065 “Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services” and organic standards under the IFOAM (International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements) family of standards.

([Click here](#) to download the amendment.)

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B) Notification of New Work Item Proposals

(I) Services

1. Guidelines on best practices for internship in the hospitality sector

The guidelines aim to establish a set of best practices for hotels and institutions to provide a structured and meaningful industrial experience for interns and also offer a baseline standard for the hospitality industry to harmonise practices for internship programmes. The standard covers orientation and briefing, selection of trainers/supervisors, recruitment process, induction programme, welfare, workplace safety and health, supervision and mentoring, learning outcomes, checklists, job rotations, and minimum requirements, such as at least 75% of the training programme to be accomplished by interns. It has also been proposed for the scope to be expanded to cover other hospitality industries, such as meeting, incentives, conferencing and exhibition (MICE), tourism, and F&B (food and beverages).

The work proposal is aligned to the Hotel Industry Transformation Map (ITM) as one of the key thrusts is to build a strong pipeline of talent and deep skill our workforce. It also promotes enhanced internship, an area under manpower, in the tripartite Hotel Sectoral Manpower Plan.

Potential users of the standard include hotels, private and public institutions of higher learning, MICE, tourism and F&B players.

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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](#).