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## ENTERPRISE SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS – 13 MARCH 2020

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:

Biomedical and Health – [thermal imagers](#)

Building and Construction – [water services](#)

Quality and Safety – [portable aluminium ladders](#), [safety nets](#)

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

Closing date for comments: **14 April 2020** for the amendment to SS 636 on water services as it had undergone an earlier round of public comment.

Closing date for comments for all other documents above: **14 May 2020**.

Please submit comments to: [kay\\_chua@enterprisesg.gov.sg](mailto:kay_chua@enterprisesg.gov.sg).

### B) Notification of 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:

Building and Construction – [Execution of concrete structures](#)

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

Closing date for comments: **14 April 2020**.

Please submit comments to: [kay\\_chua@enterprisesg.gov.sg](mailto:kay_chua@enterprisesg.gov.sg).

#### B.2 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Published Singapore Standards are reviewed to determine if they should be updated, confirmed or withdrawn (if they no longer serve the industry's needs) or classified as mature standards (no foreseeable changes; to be reviewed only upon request).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:

Services – [freight container equipment interchange receipt](#), [container depot operations](#)

The review is ongoing and the [new version/draft is not available](#) at this juncture. Users can refer to the current standard to provide feedback. [Click here](#) to view or purchase the standard.

Closing date for comments: **14 April 2020**.

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 these standards, please write to [kay\\_chua@enterprisesg.gov.sg](mailto:kay_chua@enterprisesg.gov.sg).

## **A) Notification of draft Singapore Standards for Publication**

### **(I) Biomedical and Health**

#### **Revision**

#### **1. Specification for thermal imagers for human temperature screening**

##### **Part 1: Requirements and test methods** (Revision of SS 582 : Part 1 : 2013)

This standard specifies the performance requirements and test methods for characterising thermal imagers used for non-invasive human temperature screening of large groups of individuals under indoor environmental conditions.

##### **Part 2: Implementation guidelines** (Revision of SS 582 : Part 1 : 2013)

This standard provides general guidelines for the implementation of thermal imagers for non-invasive human temperature screening of large groups of individuals under indoor environmental conditions.

Potential users of the standards include thermal imager manufacturers and any organisation that deploys thermal imagers for screening.

### **(II) Building and Construction**

#### **Amendment**

#### **2. Amendment No. 2 to Code of practice for water services** (SS 636 : 2018+A1 : 2019)

This amendment specifies the requirement for the term 'electrode holder' to be specifically mentioned as an unsecured electrode holder poses a higher level of risk as compared to other pipe openings from a security standpoint. The changes include other types of non-potable water pipes above water tanks which have potential impact on water quality conveyed in the water tanks. Additionally, as water tanks are mounted on elevated platforms, there will be an effective increase in the height of the tank itself to more than 3 m.

After this amendment was released for public comment from 10 January 2020 to 11 March 2020, another amendment to specify the requirement to prevent the backflow of matters from the drain into the water tank was identified.

Those who may be interested in this amendment include professional engineers, registered architects, licensed water services plumbers and relevant government agencies.

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

### (III) **Quality and Safety**

#### **Withdrawal**

#### 3. **Specification for portable aluminium ladders** (SS 176 : 1996) (Modified adoption of BS 2037:1994)

This standard is recommended for withdrawal as BS 2037: 1994, "Portable aluminium ladders, steps, trestles and lightweight stagings", was replaced by the EN 131 series of standards on ladders.

SS 176 : 1996 will be replaced by the SS EN 131 series of standards (adoption of the EN 131 series).

#### 4. **Specification for safety nets for construction sites** (SS 292 : 1984)

This standard is recommended for withdrawal due to the declining trend in the usage of safety nets in the industry.

Users can refer directly to BS EN 1263-1 and ANSI/ASSP A10.11 on safety nets.

Copies of the drafts and standards are available at:

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**NOTE** – The viewing period of the drafts and standards will expire on the closing of the 2-month public comment period and will no longer be available after this date.

### **B) Notification of Work Item Proposals**

#### **B.1 Proposed New Work Items**

##### **Building and Construction**

#### 1. **Execution of concrete structures** (Adoption of EN 13670:2009)

The standard gives common requirements for execution of concrete structures. It applies to both in-situ works and construction using prefabricated concrete elements.

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

## **B.2 Review of Technical References**

### **Services**

The following Technical References (TRs), which are pre-standards, are reviewed with the intention to elevate them to Singapore Standards.

#### **1. Technical Reference for freight container equipment interchange receipt (TR 39 : 2015)**

This TR stipulates the definitions and descriptions of the conditions of freight containers. It provides the user with guidelines on the conduct of visual survey of freight containers. It also recommends the relay and acknowledgement of the condition of the freight container at each handover point of the freight container through the container supply chain.

Users of the standard may include logistics companies across the land logistics supply chain such as container operators, depot operators and truckers.

#### **2. Technical Reference for container depot operations (TR 53 : 2016)**

The TR standardises container depot operations with a systematic approach. It is intended for all container depot operations which require data verification/authentication for the acceptance of empty returns and collection of empty containers on the import and export segments of the land logistics supply chain. The standard covers specifications for data entries, including but not limited to, driver, vehicle and delivery details to ensure seamless flow of information to back-end administration.

Users of the standard may include depot operators, truckers and government agencies.

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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. 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](#).