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ENTERPRISE SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS – 4 MARCH 2022

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.

Notification of a Draft Singapore Standard for Publication

Code of practice for container depot operations (Review of TR 53:2016)

Technical Reference (pre-standard), TR 53:2016, "Container depot operations" was reviewed and will be withdrawn, and replaced by this new Singapore Standard.

This standard specifies container depot requirements and 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 includes specifications on data entries, including but not limited to, driver, vehicle and delivery details to ensure a seamless flow of information to the back-end administration.

Users of the standard include container depot operators, depot contractors carrying out repairs and maintenance of containers within the depot premises, visitors to the depot, contractors engaged by the depot operator to construct, repair, modify or otherwise conduct works on the premises of the depot and relevant government agencies.

Members of the public are invited to comment on this standard by **5 May 2022**.

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

Submit Comments

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. Why are comments only accepted through the new public comment form provided by Enterprise Singapore?

We have developed a new public comment form which will enable users to submit their comments in a standardised and structured manner. The Working Group (WG) that will be reviewing the comments will have a better understanding of what the commenter has proposed, the rationale for the changes and where these changes will be made in the standard. This will assist the WG in addressing the comments more effectively.

5. What happens after I have submitted my comments?

The comments will be channelled to the relevant WGs for consideration and you will be informed of the outcome of the committee's decision. You may be invited to meet the WG if clarification is required on your feedback.

6. Can I view drafts after the public comment period?

Drafts will not be available after the public comment period.

7. How do I request for the development of a new standard?

You can propose the development of a new standard [here](#).