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ENTERPRISE SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS – 1 DECEMBER 2023

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 Standards:

Building and Construction – [age-friendly homes](#)

Electrical and Electronic – [temporary electrical installations for shipbuilding and ship-repairing yards](#), [electrical accessories](#)

Safety and Quality – [guidance to achieve sustained success](#), [valves and safety valves for land boilers, steam vessels and piping installation](#)

Transportation – [configuration management](#)

Closing date for comments: **2 February 2024** (except for the standard on temporary electrical installations that will close on **2 January 2024**).

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

Please submit comments to: standards@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 pre-standards like Technical References and Workshop Agreements.

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

Information Technology – [data protection trustmark](#)

Safety and Quality – [quality management systems](#)

B.2 Proposal for the Review of Singapore Standards

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Singapore Standards and Technical References are reviewed to determine if they should be updated, confirmed or withdrawn (if they no longer serve the industry's needs) or classified as mature standards (no foreseeable changes; to be reviewed only upon request).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

Chemical – [transportation and storage of pesticides](#)

Safety and Quality – [lifting gear](#) (3 standards)

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

Closing date for comments: **2 January 2024**

Members of the public are invited to join as standards partners, co-opted members or resource 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 standards@enterprisesg.gov.sg.

A) Notification of Draft Singapore Standards for Publication

(I) Building and Construction

Mature

1. Guide for age-friendly homes (SS 605:2015)

This standard provides guidance on the designs and improvements of the home environments to make the home safe and comfortable for older persons.

It is proposed to classify SS 605 as a mature standard as there are no foreseeable changes to the standard. Hence, it will not be reviewed until a request is put forth to do so.

Users of the standard include housing developers, architects, interior designers, renovation contractors, homeowners, and caregivers involved in creating an age-friendly living environment.

(II) Electrical and Electronic

Revision

2. Code of practice for temporary electrical installations – Part 3: Shipbuilding and ship-repairing yards (Revision of CP 88-3:2004)

This standard deals with the provision of temporary electricity supply from shore fixed installations or from mobile generating sets to vessel(s) under construction and during repair and conversion work.

It covers all temporary electrical installations in building and repairing vessels in yards. It applies to electrical installations set up for the provision of electricity supply during the execution of the works in:

- a) shipbuilding and repairing yards;
- b) vessels moored alongside the yards; and
- c) confined spaces or confined locations or other similar situations on board vessels.

This standard was released for public comment from 4 November 2022 to 5 January 2023, and for a subsequent round of public comment from 3 March 2023 to 4 April 2023. The Working Group had since deliberated and addressed the comments received. The main changes are as follows:

- Further refinement of the definition for “competent person”;
- Review of normative and informative figures;
- Review of figure on single-phase socket-outlet assembly fed from a 120 V d.c. 32 A extra low voltage source.

NOTE – The revised edition of CP 88-3 will be renumbered as SS 650-3.

Users of the standard include industry associations, testing laboratories, service providers, shipping companies and relevant government agencies.

Closing date for comments: 1 December 2023 to 2 January 2024

3. General requirements for electrical accessories (SS 241:2023) (Modified adoption of BS 5733:2010+A1:2014)

This standard specifies requirements and tests to check the safety of electrical accessories under normal usage. Such accessories are intended for use in household, commercial and light industrial premises where:

- the nominal supply voltage does not exceed 250 V a.c. single-phase, 50 Hz to 60 Hz or 250 V d.c.;
- the rated current of the accessory does not exceed 63 A.

This standard also covers 'plug-in' and other accessories in which electrical accessory components are incorporated, e.g. plug-pins, socket-contacts, switches, terminals, etc.

Users of the standard include testing and inspection companies, electrical accessory manufacturers/suppliers, building contractors, service providers and relevant government agencies.

(III) Safety and Quality

Confirmation

4. Quality management – Quality of an organisation – Guidance to achieve sustained success (SS ISO 9004:2018) (Identical adoption of ISO 9004:2018)

This standard provides guidelines for enhancing an organisation's ability to achieve sustained success, and is consistent with the quality management principles stated in SS ISO 9000:2015, "Quality management systems – Fundamentals and vocabulary".

It provides a self-assessment tool to review the extent to which the organisation has adopted the concepts in this document.

This standard is applicable to organisations of all sizes, types and activities.

Users of the standard include suppliers, buyers, manufacturers, service providers, testing, inspection and certification (TIC) bodies, and relevant government agencies.

Withdrawal

5. Specification for valves and safety valves for land boilers, steam vessels and piping installation (SS 102:1996)

This standard is recommended for withdrawal as it is no longer in use. There is no replacement as this standard is obsolete/obsolescent.

(IV) Transportation

New

6. Quality management – Guidelines for configuration management (Modified adoption of ISO 10007:2017)

This standard sets out provisions for railway organisations on the use of configuration management activities throughout the life cycle of assets and services. It outlines the responsibilities and authorities before describing the configuration management process, which

includes configuration management planning, configuration identification, change control, configuration status accounting and configuration audit.

Potential users of the standards may include rail transport operators, contractors, suppliers/manufacturers, tertiary institutions and relevant government agencies.

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B) Notification of Work Item Proposals

B.1) Proposal for New Work Items

(I) Information Technology

1. Data protection trustmark (DPTM) certification standard for enterprises

The current DPTM Certification Framework was developed in 2019, referencing the Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) and incorporating international benchmarks and best practices.

This standard, which is based on the DPTM, aims to help enterprises assess four key principles of personal data protection:

- a. Governance and transparency;
- b. Management of personal data;
- c. Care of personal data; and
- d. Individual's rights

Potential users of the standard may include organisations of all sizes.

(II) Safety and Quality

2. Quality management systems – Guidelines for the application of SS ISO 9001:2015 (Identical adoption of ISO/TS 9002:2016)

This standard sets out provisions on the intent of the requirements in SS ISO 9001:2015, with examples of possible steps an organisation can take to meet them. It does not prescribe mandatory approaches to implementation or provide any preferred method of interpretation.

Potential users of the standard may include suppliers, buyers, manufacturers, service providers, TIC bodies and relevant government agencies.

B.2) Proposal for the Review of Singapore Standards

(I) Chemical

1. Code of practice for the transportation and storage of pesticides (SS 615:2016)

This standard outlines requirements for the transportation and storage of pesticides, and applies to the transportation of pesticides and the storage of pesticides in depots, warehouses and stores. It does not cover application of pesticides as well as ready-to-use spray solutions and formulated products for household use.

The standard will be reviewed with the intention to update it.

Users of the standard include organisations that handle, manufacture, distribute and store pesticides, vector control management companies, industry associations and relevant government agencies.

(II) Safety and Quality

2. Specification for lifting gear

Part 1: Wire rope slings (SS 343-1:2014) (Modified adoption of ISO 7531:1987(2012))

This standard specifies a series of wire rope slings for general purposes. It covers the type of sling, the working load limit and the manufacture of slings and sling assemblies.

Part 2: Hooks (SS 343-2:2014) (Modified adoption of ISO 7597:2013)

This standard specifies requirements for forged steel lifting hooks with latch of grade 8 having eye or clevis and pin up to 63 t working load limit. It does not apply to hand forged hooks.

Part 3: Shackles (SS 343-3:2014) (Modified adoption of ISO 2415:2004)

This standard specifies the general characteristics of forged dee and bow shackles in a range of sizes having working load limits of 0.32 t to 100 t and in Grades 4, 6 and 8. It provides performance and critical dimensions necessary for their interchangeability and compatibility with other components.

The standards on lifting gear will be reviewed with the intention to align SS 343 Parts 1 to 3 with industry practices and technological advancements.

Users of the standards include manufacturers/suppliers, buyers, workplace safety and health officers, TIC bodies, authorised examiners, training providers, industry associations and relevant government agencies.

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](#).