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SPRING SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS – 5 JANUARY 2018

Under the National Standardisation Programme, public comment is an important stage of standards development where 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 are done in accordance with the World Trade Organisation's requirements for the development of national standards.

A)   Notification of Draft Singapore Standards for Publications

Members of the public are invited to comment on the following document:

　　　　Food – quick frozen foods, hazard analysis and critical control point (HACCP)

For more information on viewing the documents, click here.

Closing date for comments: **6 March 2018**.

To provide comments, please write to: kay_chua@spring.gov.sg.

B)   Notification of Work Item Proposals

B.1   Proposal for New Work Item

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:

　　　　Information Technology – national digital identity (NDI)

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

Closing date for comments: **6 February 2018**.

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: standards@spring.gov.sg.

B.2   Proposal for the Review of Singapore Standard (SS)

Published Singapore Standards are reviewed to determine if they should be updated, confirmed or withdrawn (if they no longer serve the industry's needs) or classified as mature standards (no foreseeable changes; to be reviewed only upon request).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

　　　　Electrical and Electronic – earthworks in the vicinity of electricity cables

The review is work in progress and new version/draft is not available at this juncture. Users can refer to the current SS to provide feedback. For more information on viewing and purchase of current SS, click here.

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A)   Notification of draft Singapore Standards

Food

Revised

1.   **Code of practice for the processing and handling of quick frozen foods** (Revision of CP 46: 1989)

This standard is intended to provide guidelines for the processing, handling, storage, distribution and retailing of quick frozen foods in order to ensure food safety and to maintain the quality of the foods up to the time of final sale.

This standard is applicable to quick frozen foods of all types which have been subjected to the process of quick freezing and are offered for sale in a frozen state. It does not apply to ices, frozen milk and dairy products.

Potential users of the standard include food manufacturing establishments involved in the processing and handling of quick frozen foods such as factories and central kitchens.

2.   **Hazard analysis and critical control point (HACCP) system for food industry – Requirements with guidance for use** (Revision of SS 444 : 2010)

This standard specifies requirements for a hazard analysis and critical control point (HACCP) food safety management system.

The requirements in this standard have been specified for use in auditing operational HACCP-based systems which ensure the safety of foodstuff during production, preparation, processing, manufacturing, packaging, storage, transportation, distribution, food services, retailing, and any other sector related to the food chain.

This standard also sets out the principles of the HACCP system and provides general guidance for the application of the system. It is recognised that the details of application may vary depending on the circumstances of the food operation.

This standard will replace SS 444 : 2010.

Potential users of the standard are food business operators that wish to design and implement an effective HACCP management system, regardless of type, size and product. They include users such as slaughter houses, factories, F&B outlets and logistics companies.

Copies of drafts and standards are available at:

*For drafts (Viewing only) Login to Singapore Standards eShop at: http://www.singaporestandardseshop.sg [Login ► Browse ► Product Categories ► Singapore Standards ► Drafts (Singapore Standards) ► Select draft]

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

B) Notification of New Work Item Proposals

B.1 Proposal for New Work Items

Information Technology

Technical Reference for national digital identity (NDI)

This Technical Reference standardises the architecture, implementation and integration of NDI systems to ensure a secure, open and interoperable ecosystem.

Potential users include registration authorities, authentication service providers, digital signing providers and relying parties developing e-services that rely on NDI for various reasons (e.g. user authentication, digital signing, MyInfo integration).

Copies of the drafts are not available at this juncture.

B.2 Review of Singapore Standards

Electrical and Electronic

Code of practice for earthworks in the vicinity of electricity cables (SS 576 : 2012)

This standard applies to all works carried out in the worksite or in its vicinity where underground cables may be found. In addition to a safe system of work, it provides practical safety precautions to avoid damage to electricity supply cables in different situations, including works that involve excavation, ground penetration and earth moving operations by heavy machinery.

The standard is reviewed with the intention to update it.

Users of the standard include contractors, licensed cable detection workers, excavator operators, earthworks supervisors, transmission agent licensees, professional engineers and relevant government agencies (e.g. EMA).

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Frequently asked questions about public comment on Singapore Standards:

1.   What is public comment?

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

You can inform us of your standardisation needs by completing the Proposal Form at Apply for a Standard.