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**ENTERPRISE SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SINGAPORE STANDARDS
– 7 MARCH 2025**

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.

The following are the drafts for comments:

Transportation

New

1. Obsolescence management – Railway (Modified adoption of IEC 62402:2019)

This standard provides requirements and guidance for obsolescence management applicable to any organisation that relies on other organisations to maintain the value and utility of their products or components. A cost-effective obsolescence management process and the activities used to implement the process are applicable throughout all phases of an item's life cycle.

The modifications incorporate railway-specific context to promote common understanding and consistency in establishing requirements and guidelines for obsolescence management of railway systems. This standard is applicable to all stages of a railway asset life cycle and can be used by any railway organisation that manages assets.

2. Railway applications – Track – Safety protection on the track during work – Competences for personnel related to work on or near tracks (Modified adoption of EN 16704-3:2016+A1:2021)

This standard applies to activities on or near the track and competency requirements for personnel carrying out these activities. It also provides references for rail operators to manage the competences of personnel related to work on or near tracks.

Users of the railway standards include rail transport operators, contractors, manufacturers and suppliers, institutes of higher learning and relevant government agencies.

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Closing date for comments: **8 May 2025**

To comment, please write to standards@enterprisesg.gov.sg.

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](#).