



Singapore Shipping Association

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To: All SSA Members

SPRING SINGAPORE - PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON SINGAPORE STANDARDS

Please be informed that SPRING Singapore is inviting public comments for the review of the following Singapore Standards with the intention of updating them.

1. Code of practice for entry into and safe working in confined spaces (SS CP 84: 2000)

This standard provides guidance on entry into and safe working in confined spaces. It adopts a four-stage approach – identification of confined spaces, evaluation of hazards of confined spaces, development and implementation of control measures for confined space entry and an effective emergency plan. The standard outlines the procedures for each stage of the approach.

2. Code of practice for lockout procedures (SS CP 91: 2001)

This standard applies to the control of energy during construction, servicing or maintenance of machines.

If you have any comments on the above Singapore Standards, please submit your comments to SPRING directly.

You may submit your feedback online through http://www.spring.gov.sg/public_comments, or by fax: (65) 6278 6990. You can also submit your comments by post to the following:

Head
Standardisation Department
SPRING Singapore
5th Level Podium Block
2 Bukit Merah Central
Singapore 159835

Please note that the closing date for public comments is 6 April 2010.

Further information on the above Standards is available on the SPRING Singapore's website at the link below:

<http://www.spring.gov.sg/QualityStandards/Std/wn/Pages/singapore-standards-public-comments-20100305.aspx>

In addition, a copy of the SPRING notice is attached for your information.

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E-mail: ssa.admin@ssa.org.sg Website: <http://www.ssa.org.sg>

If you require more information on the standards, please contact SPRING Singapore directly
– queries may be directed to:

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Best regards,
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SPRING SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SINGAPORE STANDARDS – 5 MARCH 2010

Singapore Standards are established based on an open system which is also in accordance with the World Trade Organisation requirements. SPRING Singapore is inviting public comments for the review of the following Singapore Standards with the intention of updating them.

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It is used mainly by practical users who need to enter spaces which are substantially enclosed as well as supervisors, engineers, safety and environment personnel, and relevant government agencies.

2. Code of practice for lockout procedures (SS CP 91 : 2001)

This standard applies to the control of energy during construction, servicing or maintenance of machines.

Those interested in this standard include plant managers, supervisors, maintenance personnel, safety and environment personnel, and relevant government agencies.

Copies of the standards are available for reference/sale at:

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Note: With effect from January 2010, we accept comments only in electronic formats on-line through http://www.spring.gov.sg/public_comments or by email to kay_chua@spring.gov.sg (attachments in the email, if any, are to be in revisable electronic formats to enable ease of use by the secretariat).

For more information on the standards, please contact Mrs Kay Chua, Senior Administrative Executive at Tel: (65) 6279 1804, Email: kay_chua@spring.gov.sg or Fax: (65) 6278 6990.

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?

The benefits are:

- It 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;
- It 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 draft?

The drafts are available for **free viewing** at Toppan Leefung Pte Ltd at the address given above. However, a nominal price of \$6.00 per copy of the drafts is charged for copyright and administrative reasons for those who wish to purchase the drafts. National standards are knowledge documents developed by standards committees for the specific industry. The release of the draft for public comment is to allow other members of the industry affected to make the standard more suitable for their use. The charge for public comments on national standards is an international norm for national standards bodies and free distribution is not possible due to copyright reasons as national standards are an embodiment of knowledge. ISO/IEC sells the ISO/IEC draft standards at the full price similar to a published ISO/IEC standard.

4. Why do I have to pay for the standards which are proposed for review, withdrawal or archival?

These standards are available for **free viewing** at Toppan Leefung Pte Ltd at the address given above. 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, withdraw or archive 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,
- provide feedback to update the standard proposed for archival given that an archived will be kept in its present form and will not be updated.

5. 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.

6. What is archival of standards?

Archived standards are standards that are not expected to change over time, and are still in use. A review would be initiated only upon a request from the industry or the standards committee.

7. Can I purchase drafts after the public comment period?

Drafts will not be available after the public comment period.

8. How do I request for a new standard?

You can inform us of your standardisation needs by completing the Proposal Form found at:
http://www.standards.org.sg/files/invitation_to_new_standards.htm

9. How do I get updates of Singapore Standards or standardisation activities?

We provide a free email alert service, "Update Me". You can register at:
<http://www.standards.org.sg/Forms/UpdateMe.cfm>

For more information on the national standardisation programme, please visit the Standards Website at:
<http://www.standards.org.sg/index.cfm>.