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Notification of Draft Singapore Standards for Publication

Members of the public are invited to comment on the following Singapore Standard documents:

Building and Construction – [maintainability of facilities](#)

Quality and Safety – [ladders](#)

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Closing date for comments: **17 September 2019**.

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

(I) Building and Construction

New

1. Maintainability of facilities

This standard specifies methodologies for building and real estate professionals involved in the design, construction and maintenance of a facility.

It identifies common maintainability issues of facilities and recommends the relevant best practices applicable to design, construction and facilities management. Major components of a facility include basements, wet areas, facades, common areas, roofs and M&E systems.

Potential users of the standard include architects, professional engineers, consultants, contractors, developers, property and facility management professionals, tertiary institutions, and relevant government agencies/authorities.

(II) Quality and Safety

New

2. Ladders

Part 1: Terms, types, functional sizes (Identical adoption of EN 131-1:2015)

This standard defines terms and specifies the general design characteristics, requirements and test methods of ladders. It applies to portable ladders. It does not apply to ladders designed for specific professional use such as fire brigade ladders, roof ladders and mobile ladders.

Part 2: Requirements, testing, marking (Identical adoption of EN 131-2:2010+A2:2017)

This standard specifies the general design features, requirements and test methods for portable ladders. It does not apply to step stools or ladders for specific professional use such as fire brigade ladders, roof ladders and mobile ladders. It is not applicable to ladders used for work on or near live electrical systems or installations.

Part 3: Marking and user instructions (Identical adoption of EN 131-3:2018)

This standard advises on the safe use of ladders covered by the scope of Part 1 and fulfilling the requirements of Part 1, Part 2 and, for single or multiple hinged-joint ladders, Part 4, for telescopic ladders Part 6 and for mobile platform ladders Part 7.

Part 4: Single or multiple hinge-joint ladders (Identical adoption of EN 131-4:2007)

This standard specifies the requirements, tests and marking of hinged combination ladders with one or several hinge joints.

Part 6: Telescopic ladders (Identical adoption of EN 131-6:2019)

This standard specifies the general design features, requirements and test methods, and defines terms for leaning and standing telescopic ladders.

Part 7: Mobile ladders with platform (Identical adoption of EN 131-7:2013)

This standard defines the terms and specifies the general design characteristics of mobile ladders with platform.

NOTE – EN 131-5 is not available for adoption CEN has terminated the development of this part.

This series of standards is intended to replace SS 176 : 1996, “Portable aluminium ladders”.

Potential users of the above standards on ladders include manufacturers, suppliers, buyers, contractors, licensed electrical workers, professional engineers, property and facility managers and relevant government agencies/authorities.

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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?

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- 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?

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