

Submit Comments

ENTERPRISE SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS – 22 JANUARY 2021

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 Standard documents:

Building and Construction – [design of structures for earthquake resistance](#)

Chemical – [hazard chemicals and dangerous goods](#), [gloss enamel finishing paint](#), [undercoat paint for gloss enamel](#)

Environmental and Resources – [validating and verifying environmental information](#)

Food – [delivery of ready-to-eat food](#)

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

Closing date for comments: **23 March 2021**

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

B) Notification of New Work Items

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:

Building and Construction – [building inspection and diagnostic using infrared thermography](#)

Closing date for comments: **23 February 2021**

Members of the public are also 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 kay_chua@enterprisesg.gov.sg.

A) Notification of draft Singapore Standards for Publication

(I) Building and Construction

Confirmation

1. **Eurocode 8: Design of structures for earthquake resistance – Part 1: General rules, seismic actions and rules for buildings** (SS EN 1998-1:2013)
Singapore National Annex to Eurocode 8: Design of structures for earthquake resistance – Part 1: General rules, seismic actions and rules for buildings (NA to SS EN 1998-1:2013)

This standard and its national annex apply to the design and construction of buildings and civil engineering works in seismic regions. The purpose is to ensure that in the event of earthquakes:

- human lives are protected;
- damage is limited; and
- structures important for civil protection remain operational.

Users of the Eurocodes may include consultants, contractors, developers, professional engineers, suppliers / manufacturers, tertiary institutions, testing bodies, accreditation bodies and relevant government agencies.

(II) Chemical

Revisions

2. **Specification for hazard communication for hazardous chemicals and dangerous goods – Part 1 : Transport and storage of dangerous goods** (Revision of SS 586 : 2014)

This standard adopts the United Nations' Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, which provides an international system for the classification of dangerous goods by the types of hazards that they present. It also specifies standard hazard communication labellings of dangerous goods.

This standard applies to the storage and transportation of dangerous goods on land in Singapore. The transportation of dangerous goods by sea and air is subject to the requirements of International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and International Air Transport Association (IATA) / International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) respectively and is not covered in this standard.

This revision includes an update on the requirements, the transport emergency information panel and the storage emergency information panel.

Users of this standard include chemical manufacturers, importers, suppliers, users, and supply chain service providers, and relevant government agencies / authorities.

3. **Specification for paint – Finishing, gloss enamel** (Revision of SS 7 : 1998)

This standard gives specifications for gloss enamel finishing paint. It provides a minimum requirement for the product which acts as a protective coating for wood and metal surfaces.

4. **Specification for undercoat paint for gloss enamel** (Revision of SS 34 : 1998)

This standard addresses the specification for undercoat paint for gloss enamel. The objective of this standard is to provide a minimum for the product which is used in sealing and levelling wood and metal surfaces before applying a top coat.

The revisions of SS 7 and SS 34 include updated references to the latest SS 5 test methods, specifying the through-dry time derived from SS 5 : Part D5, "Determination of through-dry state and through-dry time", aligning the unit of measurement of lead content with other paint performance specification standards and the new maximum requirement for through-dry time and lead content.

Potential users of the two standards on paints include paint manufacturers, suppliers, test laboratories, contractors, applicators, architectural associations, consultants, facilities/property managers, building surveyors and relevant government agencies.

(III) Environmental and Resources

Revision

5. General principles and requirements for bodies validating and verifying environmental information (Revision of SS ISO 14065 : 2017) (Identical adoption of ISO 14065 : 2020)

This standard specifies principles and requirements for bodies performing validation and verification of environmental information statements.

Any programme requirements related to bodies are additional to the requirements of this standard.

In this revision, the scope of the standard has been expanded to include bodies performing validation, verification and agreed upon procedures in all areas of environmental information (not only greenhouse gas). Alignment with the requirements of SS ISO/IEC 17029 has also been made. Additional requirements applicable to green bonds, greenhouse gases, non-financial disclosure were added in the respective Annexes.

Potential users of the standard include inspection and certification bodies, testing laboratories, professional institutions and relevant government agencies.

(IV) Food

New

6. Guidelines on delivery of ready-to-eat food

This standard provides guidance for delivery service providers covering the handling of ready-to-eat (RTE) food at food establishments and during transportation until it reaches consumers.

It describes the best practices for delivering of RTE food. It provides recommendations covering the following aspects:

- Food safety practices at food establishments (including food packaging);
- Food safety practices during handling and delivery;
- Emergency preparedness; and
- Food traceability.

This standard does not cover delivery of non-RTE food products that require additional preparation and reheating/cooking by consumers.

Potential users of the standard include food establishments, delivery service providers and other personnel within the food chain.

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B) Notification of New Work Items

Building and Construction

Technical Reference – Code of practice for building inspection and diagnostic using infrared thermography (IRT)

This standard establishes building inspection and diagnostic procedures, and documentation requirements for conducting infrared inspection of buildings in Singapore.

Users of the standard may include engineers, architects, façade inspectors, building owners, managing corporations, facility managers, town councils, managing agents, building surveyors, infrared service providers, suppliers and manufacturers in the IRT thermal camera industry, testing, inspection and certification bodies, and other relevant government agencies.

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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. 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. 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 the development of a new standard?

You can propose the development of a new standard [here](#).