

Submit Comments

ENTERPRISE SINGAPORE CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS – 5 FEBRUARY 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.

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 standards and contents that can be included into the following proposal:

Environment and Resources – [sustainable packaging](#)

Trade and Connectivity – [last mile delivery](#)

Closing date for comments: **8 March 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.

Notification of New Work Items

(I) Environment and Resources

1. Technical Reference – Sustainable packaging guiding framework and practices

This standard specifies the guidelines, criteria and best practices for implementing the 3R (reduce, reuse, recycle) for business-to-business and business-to-consumer packaging. It covers upstream packaging design to downstream end-of life management that are applicable across industries. This standard also covers relevant case studies and references such as communication with consumers on the proper management of packaging for disposal.

Potential users of this standard include packaging manufacturers and suppliers, packaging waste collectors and recyclers, as well as industry players from the retail and services, electronics, pharmaceutical, food and beverage, and logistic sectors.

(II) Trade and Connectivity

2. Technical Reference – Last mile delivery guidelines for delivery of parcels

This standard specifies best practices and guidelines regarding:

- (i) packaging and labelling,
- (ii) standardisation of essential data across the marketplace and logistic service provider platforms,
- (iii) improving processes and practices in the supply chain, and
- (iv) information provision and communications channels.

Potential users of the standard may include logistics service providers, e-commerce platforms and other marketplace operators, industry associations, 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](#).