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To: Refineries; petrochemical plants; bulk storage terminals; fluorine, chlorine, hydrogen fluoride, carbon monoxide or synthetic polymer manufacturers; pharmaceutical plants and semiconductor wafer fabrication plants.

Circular on the Revised Singapore Standard SS 506: Part 3

Singapore Standard SS 506: Part 3 Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) management systems – Requirements for the chemical industry, first published in 2006, was revised in December of 2013.

Workplaces to Implement Safety and Health Management Systems

2 Under the Workplace Safety and Health (Safety and Health Management System and Auditing) Regulations 2009, occupiers of workplaces listed in the Second Schedule are required to implement a Safety and Health Management System (SHMS) for the purpose of ensuring the safety and health of persons at work in the workplace.

3 The SHMS has to be in accordance with any relevant Singapore Standard relating to SHMSs or such other standards, codes of practice or guidance issues or approved by the Workplace Safety and Health Council¹.

Workplaces to Implement SHMSs in accordance with SS 506: Part 3

4 The SHMS of the following workplaces listed in the Second Schedule will have to be audited in accordance with Singapore Standard SS 506: Part 3:

- Any factory engaged in the processing or manufacturing of petroleum, petroleum products, petrochemicals or petrochemical products.
- Any premises where the bulk storage of toxic or flammable liquid is carried on by way of trade or for the purpose of gain and which has a storage capacity of 5,000 or more cubic metres for such toxic or flammable liquid.

¹ Full details can be found in the “Terms and Conditions for Workplace Safety and Health Auditing Organisations (WSHAOs)”.

- Any factory engaged in the manufacturing of —
 - (a) fluorine, chlorine, hydrogen fluoride or carbon monoxide; and
 - (b) synthetic polymers.
- Any factory engaged in the manufacturing of pharmaceutical products or their intermediates.
- Any factory engaged in the manufacturing of semiconductor wafers.

Implementation Timeline

5 Mandatory SHMS audits of the aforesaid workplaces that are conducted from **1 July 2014 onwards** will have to be in accordance to the revised Singapore Standard SS 506: Part 3: 2013. For those workplaces that are currently under the SS 506: Part 3 Certification Scheme will have to comply with the deadline to transit to SS 506: Part 3: 2013 set by the Singapore Accreditation Council (SAC).

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