Singapore Institute of Standards and Industrial Research (Amendment) Bill

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An Act to amend the Singapore Institute of Standards and Industrial Research Act (Chapter 301 of the 1985 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

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Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Singapore Institute of Standards and Industrial Research (Amendment) Act 1992 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of long title

- 2. The long title of the Singapore Institute of Standards and Industrial Research Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended
 - (a) by deleting the words "articles" in the third line and substituting the word "products"; and
 - (b) by deleting the words "Certification Mark" in the fifth line and substituting the word "Marks".

Amendment of section 2

- **3.** Section 2 of the principal Act is amended
 - (a) by deleting the definition of "article";
 - (b) by deleting the definition of "Certification Mark";
 - (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "Chairman", the following definition:
 - ""chief executive" means the chief executive of the Institute appointed under section 20A and includes any temporary chief executive of the Institute;";
 - (d) by deleting the definition of "code of practice";
 - (e) by inserting, immediately after the word "trade," in the definition of "industry", the words "manufacturing or";
 - (f) by deleting the words "the Certification Mark" in the definition of "licence" and substituting the words "a Mark";
 - (g) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "licence", the following definition:
 - ""Mark" means a Mark of the Institute referred to in section 15A(b);";

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(h) by deleting the definitions of "process" and "quality control" and substituting the following definitions:

- ""process" means any practice, system, procedure or activity in industry, and includes any process for
 - (a) the design, manufacture, construction, installation, operation or maintenance of products, instruments, plant or equipment; and
 - (b) the design, administration or operation of any system of quality management or testing;
 - "product" means any commodity, article or substance, artificial or natural or partly artificial or natural, or whether tangible or intangible, or whether raw or partly or wholly processed or manufactured, and includes any service;
- "quality control" means a process, carried out at any time, including inspection, tests, record keeping or otherwise, to ascertain whether or to ensure that a product satisfies any standard applicable to it;
- "quality management" includes the setting of quality objectives and quality control, organisation, delineation of responsibilities, training, control of documentation and management of rejects and complaints to achieve those quality objectives;";
- (i) by deleting the definition of "Singapore Code of Practice";
- (j) by deleting the words "section 15(c)" in the definition of "Singapore Standard" and substituting the words "section 15A(a)"; and
- (k) by deleting the definition of "standard" and substituting the following definition:
 - ""standard" means a code, definition, classification, specification or description of a product or process, as far as possible, by reference to its procedure, safety requirement, mode of manufacture, nature, material, quality, strength, purity, composition, quantity, dimensions, weight, grade, durability, origin, age or other characteristics or any combination of the same;".

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Amendment of section 4

4. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and substituting the following paragraph:
 - "(b) not less than 6 and not more than 10 other members."; and
- (b) by deleting subsections (2), (3) and (4) and substituting the following subsection:
 - "(2) The First Schedule shall apply to the Institute, its members and proceedings.".

Repeal of sections 5 to 10

5. Sections 5 to 10 of the principal Act are repealed.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 15, and new section 15A

6. Section 15 of the principal Act is repealed and the following sections substituted therefor:

"Functions of Institute

- 15. The functions of the Institute shall be
 - (a) to promote the safety, quality and efficiency of products and processes in industry for local and international markets through standardisation, certification, quality management and the use of technology; and
 - (b) to promote and undertake industrial research and development for the creation of new industries, the development of existing industries and the improvement and introduction of technical skills and technology in industry.

Powers and duties of Institute

- **15A.** The Institute shall have all such powers and may perform all such duties as it may consider necessary or expedient to enable it to exercise its functions under this Act, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing or to any other power conferred by this Act, it may
 - (a) establish, accept or adopt and publish, from time to time, by notification in the *Gazette*, the Singapore Standard in relation to any product or process;
 - (b) specify, by notification in the Gazette, Marks of the Institute for use

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