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To: All Licensed Electrical Workers

Dear Sir

**SINGAPORE STANDARD SS638 CODE OF PRACTICE FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS & SINGAPORE STANDARD SS 650 CODE OF PRACTICE FOR TEMPORARY ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS — PART 1: CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING SITES & PART 2: FESTIVE LIGHTING, TRADE FAIRS, MINI-FAIRS AND EXHIBITION SITES**

The Singapore Standards, CP5 Code of Practice for Electrical Installations, CP 88 Code of Practice for Temporary Electrical Installations — Part 1: Construction and Building Sites; and CP 88 Code of Practice for Temporary Electrical Installations — Part 2: Festive lighting, trade fairs, mini-fairs and exhibition sites, have been revised and renamed as follows:

- a. Singapore Standard SS 638 Code of Practice for Electrical Installations;
- b. Singapore Standard SS 650 Code of Practice for Temporary Electrical Installations — Part 1: Construction and Building Sites; and
- c. Singapore Standard SS 650 Code of Practice for Temporary Electrical Installations — Part 2: Festive lighting, trade fairs, mini-fairs and exhibition sites.

The new SS 638, SS 650 Part 1 and SS 650 Part 2 are aligned with the latest international standards, British Standard (BS 7671) and International Electrotechnical Commission Standards (IEC), taking into consideration local environment conditions and practices.

2 You may use the new SS 638, SS 650 Part 1 and SS 650 Part 2 in all electrical installations and temporary electrical installations with effect from 15 November 2019.

3 To minimize disruption to existing projects and for the electrical industry to adapt to the change in these new Singapore Standards, you may continue to use Singapore Standards CP5, CP88 Part 1 and CP88 Part 2 for a transition period of

12 months. After the transition period, that is, from 15 November 2020 onwards, all new installations, replacements, upgrading or extensions of electrical installations and temporary electrical installations shall comply with relevant sections of the new SS 638, SS 650 Part 1 and Part 2.

4 For further clarification, please contact us at our hotline at Tel: 68358060, or email to [EMA\\_RD\\_ELISE@ema.gov.sg](mailto:EMA_RD_ELISE@ema.gov.sg).

Yours faithfully

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