

Safety and Health Management System for the Oil and Petrochemical Industry

Reproduced below is an important message from the Commissioner for Workplace Safety and Health Division of the Ministry of Manpower.

“ Since 2001, oil refineries and petrochemical plants are mandated to implement safety and health management systems and have the systems audited once in every two years. The “Code of Practice on Safety Management System for the Chemical Industry” was established in January 2001 as a reference document for implementing and auditing of the safety and health management system for the oil and petrochemical industry.

With the launching of Singapore Standard SS 506:Part 3 “Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Management System – Requirement for the Chemical Industry” in November 2006, the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) has withdrawn the earlier “Code of Practice on Safety Management System for the Chemical Industry”.

Oil refineries and petrochemical plants should use SS 506:Part 3 “Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Management System – Requirement for the Chemical Industry” as the reference document for auditing instead of MOM’s “Code of Practice on Safety Management System for the Chemical Industry”. We, however, noted that a number of companies in the oil and petrochemical industry are still using the withdrawn MOM’s “Code of Practice on Safety Management System for the Chemical Industry” as a reference document for auditing.

We would like to advise oil refineries and petrochemical plants to use the Singapore Standard SS 506: Part 3 “Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Management System – Requirement for the Chemical Industry” as a reference document during the audits. A grace period will be given to adjust to the change. All mandatory audits of the safety and health management systems in the oil and petrochemical industry conducted on or later than **1 July 2009** should be based on the Singapore Standard SS 506: Part 3 as a reference document.

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