

**Singapore Productivity and Standards Board (Amendment) Act 2002
(No. 18 of 2002)**

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 8th July 2002 and assented to by the President on 17th July 2002:—

**SINGAPORE PRODUCTIVITY AND STANDARDS BOARD (AMENDMENT)
ACT 2002**

(No. 18 of 2002)

I assent.

S R NATHAN,
President.
17th July 2002.

Date of Commencement: 1st April 2002

An Act to amend the Singapore Productivity and Standards Board Act (Chapter 303A of the 1996 Revised Edition), and to make consequential amendments to certain other written laws.

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

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Singapore Productivity and Standards Board (Amendment) Act 2002 and shall, with the exception of sections 9, 10, 11, 14 and 15, be deemed to have come into operation on 1st April 2002.

(2) Sections 9, 10, 11, 14 and 15 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 to the Singapore Productivity and Standards Board Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “Singapore Productivity and Standards Board” and substituting the words “Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board”.

Amendment of section 1

3. Section 1 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “Singapore Productivity and Standards Board” and substituting the words “Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board”.

Amendment of section 2

4. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the definition of “Board” and substituting the following definition:

““Board” means the Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board established under section 3;”.

Amendment of section 3

5. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “Singapore Productivity and Standards Board” in the 2nd line and substituting the words “Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board”;
- (b) by renumbering the section as subsection (1) of that section, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following subsection:

“(2) The Board may perform any of its functions or carry out any of its duties under the business name of SPRING Singapore, or such other business name as the Minister may, by notification in the

Gazette, specify.”; and

- (c) by deleting the words “Singapore Productivity and Standards Board” in the marginal note and substituting the words “Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board”.

Amendment of section 5

6. Section 5(1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “representing the interests of the Government, employers, trade unions,” in the 2nd and 3rd lines of paragraph (c) and substituting the words “from such sectors or classes of persons as the Minister may consider appropriate, including the Government, employers, trade unions, businesses,”.

Amendment of section 6

7. Section 6(1) of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraphs (a) and (b) and substituting the following paragraphs:

- “(a) to raise total factor productivity and improve Singapore’s competitiveness through productivity and innovation promotion, domestic sector development, standards, conformance, metrology and any other activity considered necessary or desirable;

- (b) to promote, facilitate and assist in the development and upgrading of skills and expertise of persons preparing to join the workforce, persons in the workforce and persons rejoining the workforce, and to support the growth of small and medium enterprises and any other enterprise requiring its assistance;”;

- (b) by deleting paragraph (d) and substituting the following paragraphs:

- “(d) to assess and certify persons for achievements in productivity, innovation, skills or standards;

- (da) to register management systems personnel;”;

- (c) by deleting the words “to serve as the national standards body and” in the 1st line of paragraph (e);

- (d) by deleting paragraphs (f), (g) and (h) and substituting the following