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Foreword

This revised code of practice was prepared by the Technical Committee on Construction Practice under the direction of the Construction Industry Practice Committee.

It has been prepared to provide a set of criteria for the evaluation of the adequacy of suspended scaffolds used in Singapore.

The principal function of a suspended scaffold is to provide a safe means of access for workers carrying out work at height, as well as to provide a secure foothold. Therefore the design criteria are formulated primarily with the safety of personnel in mind.

It is hoped that this publication will in no way hinder other innovations nor discourage the use of new systems, methods, components or materials.

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In preparing this code, reference was also made to The Factories (Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction) Regulations.

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2. *Compliance with a Singapore Standard does not exempt users from legal obligations.*

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1 General

1.1 Scope

1.1.1 This code of practice is intended to establish the minimum safety requirements for the construction, operation, maintenance, and use of working platforms suspended by wire ropes and capable of being raised and lowered by mechanical or manual operated winches and climbing devices.

1.1.2 In this code, the word 'shall' indicates a requirement that is to be adopted in order to comply with the code, while the word 'should' indicates a recommended practice.

1.1.3 Chains are excluded from this code. References shall be made to relevant standards if required.

NOTE – The titles of the publications referred to in this standard are listed at the end of the standard.