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Foreword

This Singapore Standard was prepared by Technical Committee on Safety and Health Involving the Use of Equipment under the purview of the General Engineering and Safety Standards Committee. It resulted from the review of SS CP 42 : 1988(1999) – Code of practice for guarding and safe use of woodworking machinery.

This Code covers hazard identification and control, and to enable the users to prepare for risk assessment specified in SS 537 : Part 1. Although some methods of control are better than others in a given situation and some risks require more than one control method to achieve optimum results, the aim of risk assessment is to reduce the likelihood of occurrence and the severity of the accident or ill health. Ultimately, the risk must be reduced to an acceptable level before commencement of work. Therefore, it is important for every workplace, including factories using woodworking machinery, to conduct risk assessments for all routine and non-routine work undertaken. The Code also provides more illustrations as well as includes more details on safety features, installation, operation and maintenance of woodworking machinery.

This Code is based on ANSI O1.1 : 2004 – Woodworking machinery safety requirements. It is adapted with permission of the Wood Machinery Manufacturers of America.

In revising this Code, references were made to the following publications:

1. AS 1473.1 series on Wood-processing machinery – Safety

2. BS EN 1218 series on Safety of woodworking machines – Tenoning machines

3. BS EN 1870 series on Safety of woodworking machines – Circular sawing machines

Acknowledgement is made for the use of information from the above references.

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this Singapore Standard may be the subject of patent rights. Enterprise Singapore shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all of such patent rights.

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1 General

1.1 Scope

This standard provides comprehensive guidelines on the safety requirements for the procurement, installation, operation and maintenance of woodworking machinery and accessories used in industrial and commercial applications.

Power tools intended to be handheld when in use, assembly machines, finish application equipment, primary panel product manufacturing machinery, cooperage machinery and sawmills are excluded from this standard.

NOTE – Primary panel product manufacturing machines are referred to as panel mills or board mills. Panel products as identified in this standard are plywood, particle board, medium density fiberboard, chip board, straw board, oriented strand board, pressed board, and similar products made from wood, wood chips or wood fiber.

1.2 Applications

This Code is intended for those who use woodworking machinery guarding or safety devices. It is intended to be used in industrial, commercial and training institutions.

The aim is to promote a high standard of woodworking machine safety. It describes and illustrates a variety of safety measures and explains methods by which it is reasonable to adopt in particular circumstances. It will, however, be necessary to consult specific legislation in applying the stipulated principles. Although reference is made to specific types of machines, specific recommendations are not given for every type of machine.

1.3 References

1.3.1 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this standard. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

SS 508 series, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs*

SS 537 : Part 1, *Safe use of machinery – Part 1: General requirements*

SS CP 53, *Safe use of industrial robots*

SS CP 92, *Manual handling*

SS CP 99, *Industrial noise control*

IEC 60204-1, *Safety of machinery – General requirements*

ISO 14120, *Safety of machinery – Guards – General requirements for the design and construction of fixed and movable guards*

1.3.2 Other references

Machine components not addressed by this standard shall comply with any applicable nationally recognised standards.