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Foreword

This Singapore Standard was prepared by the Working Group appointed by the Technical Committee on Workplace Safety and Health under the purview of the Quality and Safety Standards Committee.

The summary of changes from the 2010 edition is as follows:

- 1) Review of definitions such as the use of CSCUBA, “Live boating” and “Planned maintenance system”.
- 2) Clarified when CSCUBA can/cannot be used.
- 3) Inclusion of a sample of a dive log sheet (Annex A) to provide readers with an easy reference on the details of a dive log sheet.
- 4) Inclusion of lifeline signals (Annex E) to provide readers with an easy reference on general signals, direction signals, working signals and emergency signals.
- 5) Revision of medical requirements.

The code deals with diving at work and, in particular, it provides a set of requirements to promote uniformity of practice in relation to the occupational safety and health in the commercial diving industry.

This latest revision is to bring the standard up-to-date with the latest relevant industry standards and to issue a standard specifically for use in Singapore waters.

In the preparation of this standard, reference was made to the following publications:

- 1) AS/NZS 2299.1 Occupational diving operations – Standard operational practice
- 2) AS/NZS 2030.1 Gas cylinders – General requirements
- 3) AS/NZS 4484 Gas cylinders for industrial, scientific, medical and refrigerant use – Labelling and colour coding
- 4) HSE UK L104 Commercial diving projects inland / inshore
- 5) ISO 2230 Rubber products – Guidelines for storage
- 6) Commercial diving competency standards for inland/inshore issued by the Workplace Safety and Health Council.
- 7) Guidance Note DMAC 07 – Recommendation for flying after diving (Diving Medical Advisory Committee)
- 8) The medical examination and assessment of divers (Health and Safety Executive)
- 9) Workplace Safety and Health (Construction) Regulations
- 10) Workplace Safety and Health (Risk Management) Regulations
- 11) CDA(S) Guidance Document “Recognised Commercial Diving Certification”

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1 Scope

1.1 This standard provides organisational and logistical requirements for the use of compressed air supply apparatus in occupational diving operations as well as specific requirements for the use of surface-supplied diving equipment (SSDE) in occupational underwater operations in depths not exceeding 50 m and commercial self-contained underwater breathing apparatus (CSCUBA) in occupational underwater operations in depths not exceeding 30 m.

1.2 This standard does not apply to recreational diving and scientific diving.

NOTE 1 – For recreational diving, refer to TR 32 Technical Reference for Recreational Diving.

NOTE 2 – For scientific diving, refer to SS 623 Code of Practice for Scientific Diving.

Specialised gas mixing, filling, analysis, labelling and diving procedures are necessary for safe diving using breathing gases other than air. In particular, special equipment selection and cleaning procedures are needed for diving using oxygen-enriched gas mixture. This standard does not provide guidance on these procedures, and such diving methods/techniques are outside its scope.

2 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.

BS EN 12021	Respiratory protective devices – Compressed air for breathing apparatus
SS 473	Personal eye protectors Part 1: General requirements Part 2: Selection, use and maintenance
SS 639	The filling, inspection, testing and maintenance of gas cylinders for the storage and transport of compressed gases. Part 1: Seamless steel and aluminium alloy cylinders (excluding dissolved acetylene) – Inspection at the time of filling, periodic maintenance and testing