

Annex F - Frequently Asked Questions for the proposed amendments

Section 1	
1.	Why is SPRING Singapore (SPRING) proposing the amendments? The proposed amendments aim to update the regulations to be in line with the changes to consumer products available in the market. It will also allow SPRING to facilitate the ratification of commitments under the European Union-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (EUSFTA).
Section 2: For Consumers	
2.	How will the proposed amendments affect consumers? With the broadening of the scope of Controlled Goods to cover new products, consumers will be assured of the safety of these products included under the broadened categories. Consumers should always look for the SAFETY Mark when purchasing Controlled Goods.
3.	How do I check if a particular Controlled Good is registered? SPRING maintains a Register of Registered Controlled Goods . The public can search if the Controlled Good is registered based on the Registration Number or Brand Name or Model Number. The public should report unregistered Controlled Goods supplied to consumers in Singapore to SPRING at 1800 773 3163 or email safety@spring.gov.sg .
Section 2: For Suppliers	
4.	How will the proposed amendments affect suppliers? The proposed amendments will enable suppliers to issue a Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC) for low-risk Controlled Goods. This will result in reduced time to market and savings in certification costs. The proposed amendments will also enable SPRING to designate Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) located in the European Union (EU). This will provide more CAB options for local suppliers importing products from the EU.
5.	Will there be a transition period for suppliers to adjust to the new regulations? Yes, there will be a one year transition period upon gazetting of the amended regulations.
6.	What are the information needed for a supplier to issue a SDoC? The supplier is required to provide the necessary information such as Brand Name, Model Number, Name of Testing Laboratory, Test Report Number, Product Standards, etc when issuing a SDoC. A guide will be available for suppliers to refer to subsequently.

7.	What is the registration fee for SDoC? The registration fee for SDoC is \$192.60 (inclusive of GST) which is the same as the registration for CoC.
8.	Would SPRING be conducting checks to ensure that the SDoC is genuine? Yes, SPRING will conduct audits to ensure that submissions are done appropriately. A supplier shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both if the supplier is found to procure or attempt to procure the registration with false information or document.