

## **Specialty Technical Publishers and AECOM Publish Environmental, Health & Safety (EHS) Audit Protocol for Singapore**

### *Latest EHS Regulations Updates Assist Companies to Achieve EHS Compliance*

North Vancouver, B.C., Canada ([PRWEB](#)) January 29, 2015 -- Specialty Technical Publishers (STP) and AECOM announce the availability of the newly updated International Audit Protocol Consortium (IAPC) EHS audit protocol for Singapore. Leading companies around the world use IAPC EHS audit protocols to understand the scope of their EHS regulatory obligations and rapidly collect, share, archive, and export audit findings in a cost-effective manner.

IAPC EHS Audit Protocols are prepared by AECOM in partnership with STP and focus on those national (plus, in some cases, regional or provincial) EHS requirements that have site-specific application for manufacturing operations. With a leading global EHS management consulting practice, AECOM has in-depth knowledge of local/regional EHS requirements and a worldwide technical expertise network.

STP and AECOM maintain leading-edge EHS audit protocols for more than 30 jurisdictions. The protocol documents are written in English and are available on CD-ROM in MS Word, Adobe Acrobat and Excel formats, as well as through STP's web-based portal or can be integrated into an existing company platform. Using the protocols' custom templates and advanced functionality features, auditors can easily track audit findings and manage data over time to improve compliance, risk management and safety performance. In addition, STP's formatting is compatible with leading risk management and sustainability platform providers.

Highlights of selected legislation covered in the newly updated protocol include:

- Legislative change during the update review period focused primarily on the area of workplace health and safety. New legislation includes the "Workplace Safety and Health (Asbestos) Regulations 2014", the "Workplace Safety and Health (Incident Reporting) (Amendment) Regulations 2014", "Workplace Safety and Health (Work at Heights) Regulations 2013" and the "Workplace Safety and Health (Approved Codes of Practice) Notification 2013." This later Notification establishes the current listing of approved (i.e., mandatory) codes of practice, including the newly revised "Code of Practice for Working Safely at Height, 2013."

- Additional new or revised codes of practice that were identified as mandatory through other legislation or other approved codes include the following:

- "SS 575:2012 – Code of Practice for Fire Hydrant Systems and Hose Reels," which includes periodic testing and maintenance procedures for fire hydrants, hose reels and rising mains;

- "SS 578:2012 – Code of Practice for Use and Maintenance of Portable Fire Extinguishers," which includes minimum requirements for types and placement of fire extinguishers, as well as maintenance schedules, labeling, and periodic inspections and testing of equipment;

- "SS 586 - 1: 2014 (Specification for Hazard Communication for Hazardous Chemicals and Dangerous Goods - Transport and Storage of Dangerous Goods)" and "SS 586-2:2014 (Specification for Hazard Communication for Hazardous Chemicals and Dangerous Goods - Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals)" which provide information and guidance on the classification of dangerous goods by the types

of hazards they present in accordance with the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). These Standards also provide information on standard hazard communication placards and labels;

-“SS 593:2013 Code of Practice on Pollution Control,” which contains mandatory pollution control requirements for the import, storage and transport of hazardous substances, as well as non-mandatory guidelines for water, air and noise; and

-“Code of Practice for Fire Precautions in Buildings (Fire Code 2013)” which specifies requirements for the design, construction and maintenance of buildings so as to minimize the potential for fire and fire damage.”

• In addition to the newly revised and issued fire-safety related codes mentioned in the list above, there was a significant level of legislative change in the area of fire safety, including the following amended and new legislation:

-The amended “Fire Safety Act, the Fire Safety (Emergency Response Plan) Regulations” (formerly the “Fire Safety (Fire Emergency Plan) Regulations”) and the “Fire Safety (Premises Requiring Emergency Response Plan) Notification 2013,” which all include revisions to emergency response planning requirements;

-Three new instruments on fire safety staffing requirements, including the “Fire Safety (Company Emergency Response Team) Regulations 2013,” the “Fire Safety (Fire Safety Managers) Regulations” and the “Fire Safety (Premises Requiring Fire Safety Manager and Company Emergency Response Team) Notification 2013.” This legislation expands on the requirements for companies (e.g., occupying 5,000 or more square meters or having 1,000 or more occupants) to establish a Company Emergency Response Team (CERT). Facilities had until March 1, 2014 or up to 6 months after becoming subject to the Notification to meet the revised requirements, which include provisions on CERT training and assessments; and

-Amendments were also issued on fire safety requirements involving petroleum and flammable materials and pipelines. These included modifications to the “Fire Safety (Building and Pipeline Fire Safety) Regulations,” formerly the “Fire Safety (Building Fire Safety) Regulations,” the “Fire Safety (Petroleum and Flammable Materials) Regulations” and the “Fire Safety (Petroleum and Flammable Materials) Exemption Order.”

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