

Specialty Technical Publishers (STP) and Specialty Technical Consultants (STC) Publish Environmental, Health & Safety (EHS) Audit Protocols for Great Britain

Latest EHS Regulation Updates Help Companies to Achieve EHS Compliance

Vancouver, B.C., Canada (PRWEB) December 06, 2016 -- Specialty Technical Publishers (STP) and Specialty Technical Consultants (STC) announce the availability of the newly updated International Audit Protocol Consortium (IAPC) EHS audit protocol for Great Britain. 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 now prepared by STC in partnership with STP and continue to focus on those national (plus, in some cases, regional or provincial) EHS requirements that have site-specific application for manufacturing operations. As a leading EHS management consulting firm with a global network of experienced EHS teaming partners, STC has indepth knowledge and technical expertise of local/regional EHS requirements.

STP and STC maintain leading-edge EHS audit protocols for more than 30 jurisdictions. The protocol documents are written in English and are available 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:

- The "Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme Regulations 2014, S.I. 2014, No. 1643" establish the "Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS)," which is an energy assessment and energy saving scheme. Required participation in the scheme has a phased in approach. Large undertakings were required to be in compliance with the Regulations by 5 December 2015, which involved measuring energy consumption, carrying out an energy audit and reporting compliance to the Environment Agency. Subsequent compliance dates for additional organizations are 5 December 2019, 2023 and 2027. These Regulations implement "Directive (EC) No 2012/27 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on Energy Efficiency."
- The "Ozone-Depleting Substances Regulations 2015, S.I. 2015 No. 168" include the minimum qualifications for those working on the recovery, recycling, reclamation or destruction of ozone depleting controlled substances. In addition, the Regulations include prohibition and compliance requirements regarding recovery and leakages of controlled substances. These Regulations replace and consolidate the "Ozone-Depleting Substances (Qualifications) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/216)" and the "Environmental Protection (Controls on Ozone-Depleting Substances) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 20011/543)."
- The "Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases Regulations 2015, S.I. 2015 No. 310, 2015" enforce "Regulation (EU) No 517/2014," which has replaced "Regulation (EC0 No 842/2006." The principal objective is to contain, prevent and thereby reduce emissions of fluorinated greenhouse gasses covered by the "Kyoto Protocol." These Regulations revoke and replace the "Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases Regulations, 2009, S.I. 2009 No. 261."
- The "Water Resources (Control of Pollution) (Oil Storage) (Wales) Regulations 2016, S.I. 2016 No. 359 (W. 112)" impose obligations on persons having custody or control of oil to comply with certain requirements of oil storage and handling. Previously, these obligations were only regulated for England and Scotland.
- The "Control of Electromagnetic Fields at Work Regulations 2016, S.I. 2016 No. 588, 2016" impose



requirements on employers regarding the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to electromagnetic fields. These Regulations implement "Directive 2013/35/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on the Minimum Health and Safety Requirements Regarding the Exposure of Workers to the Risks Arising from Physical Agents (Electromagnetic Fields (Directive 2013/35/EU OJ L 179, 29 June 2013)."

- "Workplace Transport Safety, An Employer's Guide, HSG136, 3rd Edition, 2014" replaces the 2005 version of "HSG136" with amendments. This Health and Safety Executive Guidance aims to help employers, managers and supervisors make vehicle accidents in the workplace less likely.
- The "Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 2015, S.I. 2015 No. 483" impose requirements with respect to the control of major accident hazards involving dangerous substances. The Regulations apply to establishments where dangerous substances are present in certain quantities as specified in the Regulations. The Regulations address safety reports, emergency plans, and the disclosure of certain information to the public, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and either the Environment Agency or the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA). These Regulations repeal and replace the "Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 1999, S.I. 1999 No. 743." These Regulations implement "Directive 2012/18/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on the Control of Major-Accident Hazards Involving Dangerous Substances, Amending and Subsequently Repealing Council Directive 96/82/EC (Directive 2012/18/EU, OJ L 197, 24 July 2012) 4 July 2012."
- The "Planning (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2015, S.I. 2015 No. 1597 (W. 196)" require that consent be obtained if a specified quantity of designated hazardous substances is exceeded at a site in Wales. These Regulations impose requirements to ensure that the objectives of preventing major accidents and limiting their consequences are considered in land-use planning policies and that these objectives are pursued through controls. These Regulations revoked the "Planning (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 1992, S.I. 1992 No. 627" in Wales.
- The "Planning (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2015, S.I. 2015 No. 627, 2015" require that consent be obtained if a specified quantity of designated hazardous substances is exceeded at a site in England or Wales. These Regulations impose requirements to ensure that the objectives of preventing major accidents and limiting their consequences are considered in land-use planning policies and that these objectives are pursued through controls. These Regulations revoked the "Planning (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 1992, S.I. 1992 No. 627" in England.
- The "Town and Country Planning (Hazardous Substances) (Scotland) Regulations 2015, S.I. 2015 No. 181" establish special controls with respect to hazardous substances and require that consent be obtained if a specified quantity of designated hazardous substances is exceeded at a site in Scotland. These Regulations repeal and replace the "Town and Country Planning (Hazardous Substances) (Scotland) Regulations 1993."

For more information on all International EHS audit protocols offered by STP and STC click here.

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