

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

Latest EHS Regulation Updates Help Companies to Achieve EHS Compliance

Vancouver, B.C., Canada ([PRWEB](#)) November 29, 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 [Quebec](#), Canada. 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 in-depth 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:

- Canada's new "Notice Requiring the Preparation and Implementation of Pollution Prevention Plans in Respect of Halocarbons Used as a Refrigerant" requires the preparation and implementation of pollution prevention plans for halocarbons used as a refrigerant. The notice applies to persons who import 100 kg or more annually or manufacture or reclaim halocarbons that are to be used as a refrigerant in refrigeration systems or stationary air conditioning systems, other than domestic appliances. The Notice also includes schedules to be completed and submitted to the Minister within the required timelines by persons subject to the Notice.
- The federal "Ozone-Depleting Substances and Halocarbon Alternatives Regulations, 2016" repeal and replace the "Ozone-Depleting Substances Regulations, 1998" as of December 29, 2016. The new version of the regulations are intended to ensure that Canada's international obligations under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer are met and to introduce a new permitting and reporting system for the import, manufacture and export of HFCs. The Regulations continue to require reductions in production and import of various ODS substances according to a phase-out schedule. They require reduction of hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) emissions and other ODS, such as chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). The Regulations also contain prohibitions, a permit system, reporting and record keeping requirements.
- The new federal "Multi-Sector Air Pollutants Regulations" establish mandatory national performance standards for the cement sector, gaseous-fossil-fuel-fired boilers and heaters, and stationary spark-ignition gaseous-fuel-fired engines. The performance standards limit the quantity of nitrogen oxide and sulphur dioxide that can be emitted from cement manufacturing facilities, and they limit the rate at which nitrogen dioxide can be emitted from the boilers and heaters and stationary engines. Most of the legislation entered into force on June 17, 2016; however, some provisions will be phased in on January 1, 2021, 2023, 2026 and 2036.

- Under Environment Canada's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reporting Program, a notice is published every year in Part I of the Canada Gazette outlining the GHG reporting requirements for the corresponding calendar year. There were no changes to the reporting requirements from those provided in the notice for 2014. The Notice with Respect to Reporting of Greenhouse Gases for 2015, published on October 17, 2015, applies to the 2015 calendar year.
- Quebec's new "Water Withdrawal and Protection Regulation" provides terms and conditions for authorizations for the withdrawal of water and prescribes certain standards for water withdrawals, water withdrawal facilities and facilities or activities that may affect the quality of water withdrawn in the vicinity. It ensures, in particular, the protection of water withdrawn for human consumption or food processing purposes.
- Under the "Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999," owners or operators of facilities that meet published reporting requirements are required to report to the National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI). NPRI Notices are published for designated reporting years in Part I of the Canada Gazette. The most recent notice was published on February 27, 2016 for the 2016 and 2017 reporting years.
- The federal "Water Withdrawal and Protection Regulation" sets terms and conditions for authorizations for withdrawal of water and prescribes standards for water withdrawals, water withdrawal facilities and facilities or activities that may affect the quality of water withdrawn in the vicinity. This regulation repealed and replaced the "Groundwater Catchment Regulation" primarily effective August 15, 2014 with some provisions phasing out until March 2, 2015.
- The federal "Hazardous Products Act" defines a "controlled product" and a "seller," and imposes duties on suppliers of controlled products to label such products and transmit safety data sheets (SDS) on the sale of controlled products. Parts of the Act are incorporated by reference into "Quebec's Hazardous Products Information Regulation 2015" and "Quebec's Regulation Respecting Information on Controlled Products." In 2015, the HPA was amended to update the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) requirements for hazard classification and communication to incorporate the 5th revised version of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling for Chemicals 2013 (GHS) in Canada.
- The new federal "Hazardous Products Regulations" replace the former "Controlled Products Regulations" that were repealed in February 2015. These regulations establish the regulatory regime for conforming to WHMIS 2015 and GHS. The "Regulations" provide the hazard classification and communication requirements for suppliers of hazardous products. There is a phase in period that allows employers to comply with either the "HPR" or "CPR" until December 1, 2018, at which point, only the "HPR" will apply.
- The federal "Asbestos Products Regulations 2016" repeal and replace the "Asbestos Products Regulations 2007." The "Regulations" require authorizations for and set limits on the import, advertising and sale of certain types of asbestos products and are not substantively different than the "2007 Regulations."
- The "Quebec Hazardous Products Information Regulation (HPIR)" repeals and replaces the "Regulation Respecting Information on Controlled Products." The "HPIR" establishes provisions regarding labelling, safety data sheets and the display of safety data for hazardous productions, information disclosure exemption applications, and worker training and information programs. The concept of "controlled product" is replaced by "hazardous product." The primary intent of the "HPIR" is to implement the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) in Quebec to support the federal "Hazardous Products Act" and "Hazardous Products Regulations," incorporating the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling for Chemicals (GHS) in Canada. There is a transition period that allows a company to continue complying with certain provisions of the "Regulation Respecting Information on Controlled Products until December 1, 2018."
- The new federal "Human Pathogens and Toxins Regulations" establish national requirements for the safe handling of pathogens and toxins, including a risk-based licensing scheme for facilities conducting controlled activities with human pathogens and toxins. The "Regulations" also set out security clearance requirements for person who have access to the prescribed list of human pathogens and toxins. The "Human Pathogens and Toxins Act" provided interim measures until a complete program and regulatory framework could be developed

with the “2015 Regulations.”

- Amendments to the “Quebec Safety Code for the Construction Industry” include a more comprehensive regulatory regime for working or accessing a machine’s danger zone on a construction site, and new regulatory regimes for traffic signals and traffic plans for selfpropelled vehicles used on a construction site and for working above or near water on a construction site. Amendments to the federal “Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations” replace Part of 8 in order to include new security provisions related to the reporting of dangerous goods that have been lost, stolen or unlawfully interfered with and modify existing release reporting provisions to require an emergency report, a release or anticipated release report, and a 30 day follow up report with a focus on ensuring that local agencies are notified and that reports allow for conducting risk analyses. For more information on all International EHS audit protocols offered by STP and STC click [here](#).

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