

Specialty Technical Publishers and AECOM Publish Environmental, Health & Safety (EHS) Audit Protocol for South Korea

Latest EHS Regulations Updates Assist Companies to Achieve EHS Compliance

North Vancouver, B.C., Canada ([PRWEB](#)) April 08, 2015 -- Specialty Technical Publishers (STP) and AECOM announce the availability of the newly updated International Audit Protocol Consortium (IAPC) EHS audit protocol for South Korea. 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:

- Legislation relating to chemical management was reorganized to divide the former "Toxic Chemicals Control Act" and its subsidiary legislation into the new "Chemical Substances Control Act" and the "Act on Registration, Evaluation, Etc., of Chemical Substances" and their respective subsidiary legislation. The suite of legislation covers ongoing use and management requirements, as well as notifications relating to businesses and activities. The "Act on Registration, Evaluation, Etc. of Chemical Substances" and its subsidiary legislation now cover registrations and notifications relating to new and existing chemicals. The "Act on Registration, Evaluation, Etc., of Chemical Substances" establishes a scheme similar to the European Union's "REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals)" program.
- The "Environmental Impact Assessment Act" and its subsidiary legislation were revised to provide a new category of "small-scale" environmental impact assessments for projects that are considered to have lower impacts to the environment but may be located in sensitive areas, such as conservation management areas, wetlands and certain river basins.
- New thresholds for discharges of hazardous substances in wastewater were included in amendments to the "Enforcement Ordinance of the Act" on the "Protection of Water Quality and Water Ecological Systems." In addition, the appendices to the "Enforcement Ordinance of the Act on the Protection of Water Quality and Water Ecological Systems" were revised to include more chemicals in categories such as water pollutants and hazardous water pollutants.
- Amendments to the "Labor Standards Act" included new requirements for accommodations in the workplace for pregnant women.
- The "Occupational Safety and Health Act" and its subsidiary legislation were revised to include more detailed requirements around general risk assessments and to expand the list of occupations that are subject to

Danger and Hazard Prevention Plans. In addition, changes were made to general health and safety training program requirements under the “Occupational Safety and Health Act.”

- Several Public Notifications were issued or reissued in relation to safety and health requirements, including the following:
 - “Public Notification 2014-22 on Submission of the Report, Review and Process Safety Checks for Implementing Regulations on Safety Evaluations;”
 - “Ministry of Employment and Labor Public Notice Public Notice 2014-14 on Guidance on Workplace Risk Assessment;”
 - “Ministry of Employment and Labor Public Notice Public Notice 2014-22 on Submission, Verification, Assessment, and Implementation Evaluation of Process Safety Reports;” and
 - “Public Notice 2014-164 Regarding Safety Inspection Procedures.”

For more information on all International EHS audit protocols offered by STP and AECOM, click [here](#).

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