

Specialty Technical Publishers (STP) and Specialty Technical Consultants(STC) Publish Environmental, Health & Safety (EHS) Audit Protocol for the European Union

Latest EHS Regulations Updates Assist Companies to Achieve EHS Compliance

(PRWEB) September 01, 2015 -- 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 the European Union. 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 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:

• "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" updated the requirements for prevention of major accidents which involve dangerous substances, creating requirements for risk assessments, notifications, prevention plans, emergency plans, reporting, and other controls.

• New requirements for energy audits and energy management systems were created by "Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on Energy Efficiency, Amending Directives 2009/125/EC and 2010/30/EU and Repealing Directives 2004/8/EC and 2006/32/EC." These requirements apply to enterprises that are not small or medium-sized enterprises (SMEs); however, the Directive also requires Member States to develop programmes to encourage SMEs to undergo energy audits and the subsequent implementation of the recommendations from these audits.

• "Directive 2014/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 Amending Council Directives 92/58/EEC, 92/85/EEC, 94/33/EC, 98/24/EC" and "Directive 2004/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, in order to align them to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on Classification, Labelling, and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures" serves to modify several legislative instruments governing hazardous substances.

• "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) (20th Individual Directive within the Meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive



89/391/EEC) and Repealing Directive 2004/40/EC" updated the requirements for protection of workers who may be exposed to electromagnetic fields.

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

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