

## **Specialty Technical Publishers (STP) and Specialty Technical Consultants (STC) Publish Environmental, Health & Safety (EHS) Audit Protocols for India**

### *Latest EHS Regulation Updates Help Companies to Achieve EHS Compliance*

([PRWEB](#)) August 16, 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 [India](#). 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:

- "The E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2016" repealed and replaced "The E-Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011." These Rules specify requirements for manufacturers, producers, consumers, bulk consumers, dealers, e-retailers, refurbishers, transporters, collection centers, dismantlers and recyclers involved in the manufacture, sale, transfer, purchase, collection, storage and processing of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) or e-waste including their components, consumables, parts and spares which make the product operational. This protocol covers requirements pertaining only to bulk consumers.
- "The Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016" repealed and replaced "The Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998." These Rules implement Sections 6, 8, and 25 of "The Environmental Protection Act" and specify procedures and general requirements for the management of bio-medical waste. The Rules apply to all persons who generate, collect, receive, store, transport, treat, dispose, or handle bio-medical waste in any form.
- "The Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016" were promulgated. These Rules specify requirements for the environmentally sound management of solid waste and assign responsibilities for waste generators, various ministries and concerned government departments, local authorities, State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees, and others involved in the generation of different types of solid waste.
- "The Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016" were promulgated. These Rules apply all generators of construction and demolition waste. The Rules specify waste segregation and final disposition requirements.
- "The Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016" were promulgated. These Rules apply to any generator of plastic waste and specify procedures for plastic waste management.
- The Central Ground Water Authority issued guidelines/criteria for the evaluation of proposals/request for

groundwater abstraction on November 16, 2015. Their primary objective is to focus on a specific part of ground water management, namely, ensuring sustainability of ground water both in terms of quantity and quality, and also on land based management of ground water resources, looking into the variations of availability of water in different climatic regions and diverse hydrogeological conditions in various states of the country.

- “The Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016” were promulgated. These Rules supersede “The Hazardous Wastes (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement Rules) 2008” and provide responsibilities for occupiers/operators who are involved in the handling, generation, collection, storage, packaging, transportation, use, treatment, processing, recycling, recovery, pre-processing, co-processing, utilization, offering for sale, transfer, or disposal of Hazardous and Other Wastes.
- “Regulation of Polychlorinated Biphenyls Order, April 6, 2016” was put into effect and bans the manufacture and import of PCBs in India as of April 7, 2016. The import, export or trade of PCB contaminated equipment will be regulated as per the provisions of “The Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.” The use of PCBs in any form will be completely prohibited by December 31, 2025.
- Relevant requirements of “The Industrial Radiography (Radiation Surveillance) Procedures, 1980” were added to this protocol. The requirements covered in these procedures were promulgated under Rule 15 of the Radiation Protection Rules, 1971. They are applicable to those institutions in India which are using sealed radiation sources for carrying out industrial radiography.
- Relevant requirements of “The Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011,” were added to this protocol. These standards require licensing of all food businesses, including canteens at schools, colleges, offices and institutions. They also specify basic hygienic and sanitary practices to be followed by food business operators.

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

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