

Specialty Technical Publishers (STP) and Specialty Technical Consultants (STC) Publish Environmental, Health & Safety (EHS) Audit Protocol for Australia, National

Latest EHS Regulations Updates Assist Companies to Achieve EHS Compliance

VANCOUVER, B.C. ([PRWEB](#)) February 05, 2019 -- 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 [Australia, National](#). 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 50 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 developed protocol include:

- The "Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Act 1989" and the "Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Regulations 1995" were updated following a review of the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Program. The major change was the introduction of a phase-down of hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) imports from 1 January 2018 that will enable Australia to meet the HFC phase-down obligations of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, starting in 2019. Other changes include the addition of new efficiency measures announced in the review, including streamlining of licensing provisions, waiving uneconomic levy debts, and reduced reporting frequency. Legislative amendments planned for 2019 will implement further measures including strengthened compliance and enforcement powers and additional program efficiency measures.
- The "Product Emissions Standards Act 2017" commenced on 15 September 2017, establishing a national framework to address the adverse impacts of air pollution from certain products on human and environmental health. The provisions of this Act are implemented by the "Product Emissions Standards Rules 2017." The Act and Rules prescribe emissions-controlled products, which are marine-propulsion engines and certain non-road engines (new spark-ignition engines with a maximum power of 19 kilowatts, or 25.5 horsepower). From 1 July 2018, only products that meet prescribed emissions standards, or have an exemption, are allowed into Australia, and products manufactured in Australia must also meet the standards or have an exemption. From 1 July 2019, only products that meet the emissions standards, or have an exemption, will be allowed to be supplied in Australia. Products must be certified and labelled to either the Australian standards or one of the recognized foreign standards, and importers, suppliers and retailers must keep records for 5 years.
- The "National Construction Code Series Volume One – Building Code of Australia (version 2016)" was amended out-of-cycle prior to the next scheduled update in 2019. Amendment 1 to the 2016 edition of NCC

Volume One, was adopted by the Commonwealth, States, and Territories on 12 March 2018. This amendment introduced a new verification method for limiting fire spread via external wall assemblies, references the revised 2017 edition of “AS 2118.1, Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems – General Systems,” clarifies provisions for the use of external wall claddings and attachments, and revises the evidence of suitability provisions.

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

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