

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

Latest EHS Regulation Updates Help Companies to Achieve EHS Compliance

([PRWEB](#)) January 30, 2017 -- Specialty Technical Publishers (STP) and Specialty Technical Consultants (STC) announce the availability of the recently developed International Audit Protocol Consortium (IAPC) EHS audit protocol for [Greece](#). This is a new protocol with a regulatory release date of September 2016. 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 indepth 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 primary legislation for environmental permitting is "Law No 4014/2011- Environmental licensing of projects and activities, rules on illegal building in connection with creating an environmental balance and other provisions regarding the Ministry of Environment." This Law requires that facilities obtain an environmental license, which includes conducting an environmental impact assessment (EIA) and obtaining a decision approving the environmental terms of the license (AEPO). The specific provision differ depending on whether the project or activity to be licensed is classified as category A or B. "Ministerial Decision No. 36060/155/E.103/2013- Definition of rules, measures and procedures for the prevention and control of pollution from industrial activities in compliance with the provisions of Directive 2010/75 / EU "on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control of pollution)" European Parliament and the Council of November 24, 2010" provides additional details, including some specific provisions related to air emissions.
- Water use permitting is more specifically regulated under "Ministerial Decision No. 146896/2014, Categories of permits regarding use and execution of water projects. Procedure and requirements for the issue of licenses, content and period of validity and other provisions and Ministerial Joint Decision No.171923/2013, Standard Environmental Commitments for projects and activities in category B of the 2nd Group "Hydraulic works' in Annex II of Ministerial Decision No. 1958/2012," as applicable. Greece has also established detailed requirements for the reuse of treat wastewater.
- General waste management is primarily regulations through "Law No. 4042/2012 On the protection of the environment through criminal law- Harmonisation with Directive 2008/99/EC- Regulatory framework on waste generation and management- Harmonisation with Directive 2008/98/EC" and "Ministerial Joint Decision No. 50910/2727/2003, Measures and terms on solid waste management. National and Regional Management

Planning,” with hazardous waste issues also being covered in “Ministerial Joint Decision No. 13588/725/2006, Measures, terms and restrictions on hazardous waste management in compliance with Directive 91/689/EEC on “hazardous waste” of the Council of December 12th 1991.” In replacement of “Ministerial Joint Decision No. 19396/1546/1997 “Measures and terms on hazardous waste management.” As with other EU Member States, “Regulation (EC) No. 1013/2006” and “Regulation (EC) No 850/2004” are also relevant.

- “Law 3850/2010: Code of Laws on occupational health and safety, 2 June, 2010,” establishes the framework for OHS requirements in Greece with “Presidential Decree 17/1996: On measures for the improvement of occupational safety and health of employees in compliance with Directives 89/391/EEC and 91/383/EEC” and “Presidential Decree 16/1996: Minimum requirements on health and safety in the workplace in compliance with Dir 89/654/EEC” providing additional specifications to align Greek legislation with EU requirements. Greece adopts specific health and safety requirements in relation to general emergency and evacuation planning, personal protective equipment, first aid, fire prevention and protection and employing protected classes of employees (i.e. minor and pregnant and breastfeeding women). There are general equipment requirements, as well as provisions relating to thermoplastic and similar pressing machines, conveyors and lifting machines, equipment that emits artificial optical radiation, display screen equipment and electrical facilities.

- Exposure to chemical and biological agents is primarily regulated by “Presidential Decree 338/2001: On health and safety protection of employees from dangers arising from chemical factors at work” and “Presidential Decree 186/1995: Assessment of risk, reporting and employers' obligations to prevent or limit exposure of employees to dangers related to biological factors under the specified limits,” respectively. There is also exposure legislation related to carcinogenic substances, radiation, and noise.

- As a general rule, Greece implements many of the EU Directives by using the wording from the Directives verbatim in the national legislation.

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