

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

Latest EHS regulations updates assist companies to achieve EHS compliance.

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (PRWEB) September 17, 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 Japan. 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 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:

- "Minamata Convention on Mercury [adopted, October 10, 2013; entry into force, August 16, 2017]" is implemented in Japan by the "Act on Preventing Environmental Pollution of Mercury," and operation specific laws such as "Air Pollution Control Law and Waste Management and Public Cleansing Law." This is an international convention to protect human health and the environment from the adverse effects of mercury and it restricts manufacture, import and export of mercury and products using mercury.
- "Air Pollution Control Law [Law No. 97 of June 10, 1968; last amended by Law No. 45 of June 2, 2017], as amended through June 2, 2017" provides a broad basis for controlling emissions of pollutants from stationary and motor vehicle sources. It was amended and now it covers also mercury emitting sources.
- "Law Concerning the Protection of the Ozone Layer through the Control of Specified Substances, etc. and Other Measures [Law No. 53 of May 20,1988; last amended by Law No. 69 of July 4, 2018], as amended through July 4, 2018" prescribes requirements for manufacturers, importers, and exporters of ozone depleting substances. It was amended and now covers also specific substitute substances for ozone depleting substances.
- "Law Concerning Prevention from Radiation Hazards Due to Radioisotopes and Others [Law No. 167 of June 10, 1957; last amended by Law No. 33 of May 30, 2018], as amended through May 30, 2018" requires licensing of facilities that use sealed and unsealed radioactive sources, and specifies management and record keeping requirements in relation to use and storage of radioactive materials and radiation-generating equipment. It is also cited for definitions of classified equipment. As of September 1, 2019, the name of this Law will be changed to "Law Concerning Controls of Radioisotopes and Others," introducing safety controls for specified radioisotopes which is a new category for radioisotopes of high risks.
- "Cabinet Order for Law Concerning Prevention from Radiation Hazards Due to Radioisotopes and Others [Ordinance No. 259 of September 30, 1960; last amended by Order No. 319 of November 21, 2018], as amended through November 21, 2018" specifies details of licensing of facilities for use of radioactive materials



under the Law Concerning Prevention from Radiation Hazards Due to Radioisotopes and Others. As of September 1, 2019, the name of this Cabinet Order will be changed to Cabinet Order for Law Concerning Controls of Radioisotopes and Others, introducing safety controls for specified radioisotopes which is a new category for radioisotopes of high risks.

- "Enforcement Regulation for Law Concerning Prevention from Radiation Hazards Due to Radioisotopes and Others [Ordinance No. 259 of September 30, 1960; last amended by Ordinance No. 11 of November 26, 2018], as amended through November 26, 2018" specifies details of licensing of facilities for use of radioactive materials under the "Law Concerning Prevention from Radiation Hazards Due to Radioisotopes and Others." As of September 1, 2019, the name of this "Enforcement Regulation" will be changed to "Enforcement Regulation for Law Concerning Controls of Radioisotopes and Others" introducing safety controls for specified radioisotopes which is a new category for radioisotopes of high risks.

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

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