

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

## Latest EHS Regulations Updates Assist Companies to Achieve EHS Compliance

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (<u>PRWEB</u>) June 19, 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 <u>Quebec</u>, <u>Canada</u>. 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:

• "The Sustainable Forest Development Act [R.S.Q., c. A-18.1], 2010" establishes a program designed to implement sustainable forest development, in particular through ecosystem-based development to ensure integrated and regionalized resource and land management based on clear, consistent objectives, measurable results and the accountability of managers and users of the forest. It replaced the "Forest Act (R.S.Q., c. F-4.1)" and took effect on March 31, 2013. The "Regulation Respecting Operating Permits for Wood Processing Plants [c. A-18.1, r. 8, as last amended by O.C. 1267-2011]," specifies the classes of wood processing plants that require operating permits pursuant to the "Sustainable Forest Development Act. " This Regulation also requires that wood processing plants prepare an annual register of their activities.

• The "Regulation Respecting Environmental Impact Assessment and Review of Certain Projects (EIARCP) [c. Q-2, r. 23.1, 2018]" replaced the "Regulation Respecting Environmental Impact Assessment and Review [c. Q-2, 3. 23]." This Regulation identifies the operations or projects that are subject to the environmental impact assessment and review procedure specified by the "Environment Quality Act (EQA), R.S.Q. 1972, c. Q-2." This Regulation came into effect in March 2018. "Prohibition of Asbestos and Products Containing Asbestos Regulations [SOR/2018-196, 2018]" are effective December 30, 2018, and are intended to prevent new asbestos and products containing asbestos fibres, products containing processed asbestos fibers or any consumer product containing asbestos is prohibited. The regulation does allow for specific activity exclusions from this prohibition provided that asbestos management planning and annual reporting requirements are met.

• The "Regulation Respecting Pressure Vessels (c. A-20.01, r. 1)" was replaced by the "Regulation Respecting Pressure Installations [c. B-1.1, r. 6.1], 2018." Requirements for certification, inspection, and alteration of pressure vessels were revised. In addition, the Regulation sets standards for safety devices



provided on pressure vessels, welding procedures, and the qualifications of welders and inspectors.
The "New Substances Notification Regulations (Organisms) (SOR/2005-248)" were added to this update. These federal regulations were amended in 2018. They specify reporting requirements for manufacturers and importers of microorganisms.

The "2-Butoxyethanol Regulations, 2006, [SOR/2006-34]" were added to this update. These federal regulations specify restrictions for the manufacture and import of listed products that contain 2-butoxyethanol that are intended for indoor use.

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

## About Specialty Technical Publishers

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<u>Specialty Technical Consultants, Inc. (STC)</u> is a specialized management consulting firm working to enhance environmental health and safety (EHS) performance. Through its consulting services, STC partners with clients to strengthen management systems' design and implementation, and identifies needs and implements solutions to meet business objectives. Services provided include: EHS compliance support; risk assessment; EHS auditing; corporate responsibility and sustainability; EHS management systems development and implementation; EHS regulatory information tools; and EHS training.

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