

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

Latest EHS Regulations Updates Assist Companies to Achieve EHS Compliance

VANCOUVER, B.C., (PRWEB) February 26, 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>Singapore</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 "Energy Conservation Act and Energy Conservation (Energy Management Practices) Regulations" establish mandatory energy management requirements for the industrial sector. This legislation requires large energy consuming companies for which the estimated total energy to be consumed equals or exceeds a threshold of 54 terajoules per calendar year to register with the National Environment Agency (NEA) and implement mandatory energy management practices. The legislation was amended in 2018 to require a new business activity or major expansion of any existing business activity facility which would equal or exceed the threshold to submit an Energy Efficiency Opportunities Assessment (EEOA) report when a planning permission is applied for on or after 1 October 2018.

- The "Energy Conservation (Greenhouse Gas Measurement and Reporting) Regulations 2017" require any industrial facility that emits GHG equal to or above a carbon dioxide equivalent of 25,000 tonnes annually to comply with measurement and reporting requirements for their emissions. The "Energy Conservation Act (ECA)" already required corporations to submit energy use, fuel-use, and data related to GHG emissions, however the 2017 amendments to this Act strengthened the measurement and reporting requirements which are now specified in the "Energy Conservation (Greenhouse Gas Measurement and Reporting) Regulations 2017," which came into operation on 1 January 2018.

- The "Environmental Protection and Management (Vehicular Emissions) Regulations" establish requirements for the control emissions generated by motor vehicles in order safeguard public health. Under these regulations, the National Environment Agency (NEA) has set exhaust emission and fuel quality standards for all vehicles and regulates the type and quality of fuel that can be used in Singapore. Amendments to these regulations in 2018 implement stricter emission standards for new petrol and diesel vehicles.

- "Environmental Public Health (General Waste Collection) Regulations" and the "Code of Practice for



Licensed General Waste Collectors" have been updated to add used cooking oil as Type B.1 general waste. New requirements have been established under the "Code of Practice" for licensed collectors of Type B.1 waste that specify labeling of vehicles and equipment, transportation standards, employee training, and recordkeeping.

- The "Environmental Public Health (General Waste Disposal Facility) Regulations 2017" require licensing of general waste disposal facilities beginning July 1, 2017. Facility owners and operators had until July 31, 2018 to get their license or an exemption. Under the licensing framework, facilities will be licensed to receive certain types of waste and will also be required to show they have the appropriate equipment to process the waste. NEA may inspect licensed facilities and require licensees to take corrective actions if operations at their facilities might affect public health or cause environmental problems.

- The "Smoking (Prohibition in Certain Places) Regulations 2018" identify the specified locations and public service vehicles subject to the smoking prohibitions under the "Smoking (Prohibition in Certain Places) Act (Act No. 6 of 1992)." These Regulations also includes requirements for enforcing no smoking zones and establishing smoking facilities. These Regulations came into effect January 1, 2019.

- The "Control of Vectors and Pesticides Act (Act 24 of 1998)" includes requirements for the destruction of vectors, namely insects and rodents, and the control of vector-borne diseases. It specifies requirements for the sale and use of pesticides and vector repellents; the registration of pesticides and vector repellents; and the licensing and certification of persons engaged in vector control work.

- The "Workplace Safety and Health (Major Hazard Installations) Regulations 2017" applies to every premise that is determined to be a major hazard installation based upon the quantity of dangerous substances present, or likely to be present, on site. Major hazard installations must be registered with the Ministry of Manpower and must develop and implement a major accident prevention program to prevent the occurrence of major accidents and to minimize the consequence of their impacts.

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

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