

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

Latest EHS Regulations Updates Assist Companies to Achieve EHS Compliance

VANCOUVER, B.C., Canada (<u>PRWEB</u>) March 30, 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>Sweden</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:

• "Ordinance on Environmental Assessment, SFS 2017:966, 14 November 2017, (Förordning (2017:966) om miljöbedömning), 14 November 2017. – This Ordinance contains provisions on environmental assessments according to Chapter 6 in the Environmental Code."

• "Regulations and General Advice on Recovery of Petrol Vapors at Service Stations, TSFS 2016:36, 10 June 2016, (Transportstyrelsens föreskrifter och allmänna råd om återföring av bensinångor på bensinstationer), 10 June 2016. – These Regulations, issued by the Swedish Transport Agency, contains provisions on systems for recovering petrol vapors, control and inspection of systems for recovery, and technical requirements for recycling petrol vapors."

• "Regulations on Protection Against Ground- and Water Pollution From Storage of Flammable Liquids and Waste Oils, NFS 2017:5, 5 December 2017, (Naturvårdsverkets föreskrifter om skydd mot mark- och vattenförorening vid lagring av brandfarliga vätskor och spilloljor), 5 December 2017. These Regulations, issued by the Swedish EPA, apply to the storage of flammable liquids and waste oils in underground tanks and piping, as well as piping and flexible hoses that are connected to above ground storage tanks. The requirements cover anti-corrosion measures, overfill protection and operating inspections. They repealed and replaced Regulations on Protection Against Ground- and Water Pollution From Storage of Flammable Liquids NFS 2003:24."

• "Use and Control of Pressure-Retaining Devices, AFS 2017:3, 7 July 2017 (Användning och kontroll av Trycksatta Anordningar), 7 July 2017. – These provisions replaces AFS 2002:1 (use of pressure-retaining devices), AFS 2005:2 (production of certain containters, piping and plant), AFS 2005:3 (inspection of pressurized equipment) and address safety and personnel competence for operating pressurized equipment by specifying and supplementing the Swedish Work Environment Authority's regulations (AFS 2006: 4) on the



use of work equipment. The provisions also set forth the conditions for inspection obligations, classification and specifying inspection intervals."

• "Electrical Safety Ordinance, SFS 2017:218, 28 March 2017, last amended by SFS 2018:1849, 29 November 2018, (Elsäkerhetsförordning), 28 March 2017. – The new electrical safety ordinance replaces the electrical installer ordinance, the high current ordinance and the ordinance on electrical equipment. The Electrical Safety Regulation contains provisions that have been transferred from the repealed regulations and partly new provisions that follow from the Electricity Safety Act. The Ordinance includes provisions on the registration of electrical installation companies, registers of electrical installers and electrical installation companies and authorizations for the Electrical Safety Agency."

"Radiation Protection Act, SFS 2018:396, 7 May 2018, (Strålskyddslag), 7 May 2018. – This Act regulates manufacturing facilities with potential risks of exposure of humans to ionizing and nonionizing radiation."
"Radiation Protection Ordinance, SFS 2018:506, 17 May 2018, (Strålskyddsförordning), 7 May 2018. – This Ordinance establishes exclusions to the Radiation Protection Act, SFS 2018:396, general liabilities, and permitting requirements."

• "Infection Risks, AFS 2018:4, 18 May 2018Smittrisker), 18 May 2018. – The purpose of these regulations is to prevent risks of workers being infected by infectious agents, or becoming permanent carriers of infectious agents, due to their duties."

• "Occupational Exposure Limit Values, AFS 2018:1, 19 February 2018, (Hygieniska gränsvärden), 19 February 2018. – These Provisions apply to all activities where air contaminants occur or may be formed. The Provisions regulate the assessment and measurement of air contaminants, as well as specify in exposure thresholds."

• "Regulations on Activities Requiring Reporting, SSMFS 2018:2, 31 May 2018, (Strålsäkerhetsmyndighetens föreskrifter om anmälningspliktiga verksamheterr), 19 December 2008. – These regulations contain provisions on radiation protection which must be observed by the facilities carrying out such activities subject to notification. Any facility who is licensed for activities with ionizing radiation can, for radiation sources covered by these regulations, instead apply the provisions which applies to the licensed business."

• "Regulations on Basic Provisions for Licensed Activitites witj Ionizing Radiation, SSMFS 2018:1, 31 May 2018, (Strålsäkerhetsmyndighetens föreskrifter om grundläggande bestämmelser för tillståndspliktig verksamhet med joniserande stråling), 31 May 2018. – These regulations contain provisions on radiation safety which must be observed by the person who is licensed for activities with ionizing radiation according to the Radiation Act (2018: 396)."

• "Regulations on Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Over Land (ADR-S), MSBFS 2018:5, 17 December 2018, (MSBFS 2018:5 föreskrifter om transport av farligt gods på väg och i terräng (ADR-S)), 17 December 2018. – These Regulations of the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency govern on-road and off-road transport of dangerous goods. The Regulations incorporate Annexes A and B of the European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, 2019 Edition (ADR 2019) whose extensive rules regulate the construction of containers and vehicles, as well as packaging, marking, loading and transport of dangerous goods."

• "Use and Control of Pressure-Retaining Devices, AFS 2017:3, 7 July 2017, (Användning och kontroll av Trycksatta Anordningar), 7 July 2017. – These Provisions address safety and personnel competence for operating and controlling pressurized equipment, including boilers, storage tanks, low pressure gas tanks, steam equipment, etc. Specific requirements that apply to gas cylinders are covered in this protocol section."

• "Regulations on Chemical Products and Biotechnical Organisms, KIFS 2017:7, 1 December 2017, as last amended by KIFS 2018:4, 2 November 2018, (Kemikalieinspektionens föreskrifter om kemiska produkter och biotekniska organismer), 1 December 2017. – These Regulations, issued by the Swedish Chemicals Agency, set out the conditions for entities in Sweden who intend to place chemical and biotechnical products on the market. The Regulations include specific conditions for the Swedish market such as labeling of products, and



restrictions and prohibitions on use."

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