

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

Latest EHS Regulations Updates Assist Companies to Achieve EHS Compliance

VANCOUVER, British Columbia ([PRWEB](#)) March 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 [Switzerland](#). 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 in-depth 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.

This audit protocol covers relevant national and provincial EHS requirements. The regulatory date for the current release is December 2018.

Highlights of selected legislation covered in the newly developed protocol:

This EHS audit protocol is organized around sixteen topics, with a separate section devoted to each:

- General Environmental
- General Health and Safety
- Air Emissions
- Equipment, Machine and Electrical Safety
- Solid and Hazardous Waste
- Material Handling and General In-Plant Safety
- Water Resources
- Fire Safety
- Above and Below Ground Tank Management
- Transport of Dangerous Goods
- Community Noise
- Industrial Hygiene
- PCBs
- Chemical Management
- Asbestos
- Construction Work Site Safety

In Switzerland, environmental framework legislation is issued on national level. The cantons are responsible for implementing the federal statutes and ordinances, except where the law reserves this duty for the Confederation. The cantons enact the appropriate legislation. European Union (EU) environmental regulations do not directly apply to Switzerland, as the country is not a member of the EU. However, Switzerland maintains extensive co-operative relations with the EU, including with regard to the harmonization of environmental legislation.

Further, Switzerland is a party to numerous international environmental agreements. The Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN) is the main national agency responsible environmental issues in Switzerland. The mission of FOEN is to ensure the sustainable use of natural resources including soil, water, air, quietness and forests. It is responsible for the protection against natural hazards, safeguarding the environment and human health against excessive impacts, and conserving biodiversity and landscape quality. It is also responsible for international environmental policy.

Enforcement of environmental legislation is carried out by cantonal authorities. The primary legislation in Switzerland for environmental issues is the Federal Act on the Protection of the Environment of 7 October 1983 and implementing Ordinances. Examples of implementing Ordinances include, but are not limited to: Ordinance on the Register relating to Pollutant Release and the Transfer of Waste and of Pollutants in Waste Water of 15 December 2006; Ordinance on Air Pollution Control of 16 December 1985; and Ordinance of 12 November 1997 on the Incentive Tax on Volatile Organic Compounds.

As with environmental legislation, the health and safety legislation is issued by the national authorities. There are two main laws governing OSH: the Labor Act and the Accident Insurance Act. The Labor Act covers work hours, health protection, workplace building standards, and the protection of personal integrity. The Accident Insurance Act covers the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases which are caused almost entirely by work. The cantonal labor inspectorates, SUVA (main accident insurance authority) and the State Secretariat of Economic Affairs (SECO) enforce the laws. A coordination commission (EKAS) oversees and finances the inspection system for accident prevention.

The implementing legislation issued under the Labor Act includes: Ordinance 4 related to the Labor Act (Industrial Facilities, Plan Approval and Operating Permits) of 18 August 1993; Ordinance 1 related to the Labor Act of 10 May 2000; and Ordinance 3 related to the Labor Act (Hygiene) of 18 August 1993.

For more information on all International EHS audit protocols offered by STP and STC click [here](#).

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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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