



Environmental Health & Safety Audit Protocol Great Britain 2020

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STP ComplianceEHS (STP) announces the release of its recently updated EHS audit protocol for Great Britain. This audit protocol, which covers relevant national EHS requirements, was previously updated in October 2018. The regulatory date for the current release is October 2020. The table below shows the extent of regulatory changes that have occurred since the previous update.

**Number of Legislative Instruments and their Status
(since October 2018)**

Protocol Section	No Change	New	Amended	Repealed
General Environmental	1	3	12	0
Air Emissions	13	2	8	0
Solid and Hazardous Waste	9	4	12	0
Water Resources	5	4	6	2
Above and Below Ground Tank Management	3	1	2	0
Community Noise	0	0	2	0
PCBs	1	1	2	0
Asbestos	3	2	5	0
General Health and Safety	7	0	3	0
Equipment, Machine and Electrical Safety	4	0	2	0
Material Handling and General In-Plant Safety	5	0	2	0
Fire Safety	6	2	1	0
Transport of Dangerous Goods	1	0	4	0
Industrial Hygiene	10	1	9	0
Chemical Management	5	4	23	0
Construction Work Site Safety	1	0	3	0

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highlights of selected new legislation

European Union

Great Britain withdrew from the European Union January 2020. As of the date of this release, this protocol covers requirements applicable until the end of the transition period, December 31, 2020, and requirements applicable as of January 1, 2021. As of January 1, 2021, European Union law applies in Great Britain as retained EU law as amended by the UK law. European Union laws, including regulations, apply in Great Britain directly until the end of the transition period; all new regulations are listed below.

- **Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2066 of 19 December 2018 on the Monitoring and Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions lays down** rules for the monitoring and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions and activity data. It applies to emissions and activity data occurring from 1 January 2021.

- **The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020, S.I. No. 1265, 2020 establishes** a new emissions trading scheme covering greenhouse gas emissions from power and heat generation, energy intensive industries, and aviation. The scheme will be called the UK Emissions Trading Scheme or UK ETS. It is the successor, in the UK, to the EU Emissions Trading System.

- **Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on Persistent Organic Pollutants addresses** requirements, restrictions and prohibitions pertaining to the placement on the market, and the management of wastes, relating to persistent organic pollutants and subject to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. It repealed and replaced *Regulation (EC) No. 850/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on Persistent Organic Pollutants* as of 14 July 2019.

- **The REACH etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 amends** legislation in the field of chemicals, in particular *Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 Concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) and Establishing a European Chemicals Agency*. They also make minor amendments to legislation relating to the disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls and other dangerous substances, and the rules of the First-tier Tribunal's General Regulatory Chamber.

- **REACH etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 were made** in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8(1) of the *European Union (Withdrawal) Act* in order to address failures of retained EU law to operate effectively and other deficiencies arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union. They were also made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8C of that Act to implement and deal with matters arising out of or related to the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland in the EU Withdrawal Agreement.

Northern Ireland

Requirements applicable in Northern Ireland were added to this protocol and are listed below.

- **Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 sets forth** conditions for land development.

- **Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 set forth** requirements for developments that require environmental impact assessment.

- **Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 set forth** requirements for environmental permitting (pollution prevention and control).

- **Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 concerns** the control of discharges of regulated substances to public sewers.

- **The Private Water Supplies Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 transpose** Council Directive 98/83/EC on the Quality of Water Intended for Human Consumption and Council Directive 2013/51/EURATOM Laying Down Requirements for the Protection of the Health of the General Public with Regard to Radioactive Substances in Water Intended for Human Consumption. The Regulations set forth requirements for water standards, risk assessments and surveys and prescribe requirements for water wholesomeness and exceedance of specified parameters. The Regulations also deal with monitoring of private water supplies.

- **Waste Management Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003, N.I.S.R. 2003 No. 493 relate** to the bringing into operation of the waste management licensing system under Part II of the *Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997* and for the purpose of implementing European Union directives relating to waste.

- **Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 sets forth** duty of care standards, waste management licensing requirements as well as requirements for collection, disposal and treatment of controlled waste and special wastes.

- **Hazardous Waste Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 set out** the regime for the control and tracking of the movement of hazardous waste.

- **Fire Safety Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 require** that employers must take into account employees' capabilities in regards to fire safety and the presence of dangerous substances when entrusting tasks to them.

- **Fire and Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 establishes** provisions for assessments to identify risks associated with harm caused by fire, and the review of those assessments. It also makes provisions about fire safety in relevant premises.

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- **The Control of Asbestos Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 transpose** Council Directive 2009/148/EC and Council Directive 90/394/EEC98/24/EC. These Regulations impose duties and prohibitions on employers for the protection of employees who may be exposed to asbestos at work and of other persons who might be affected by such work.
- **Environmental Protection (Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000 require** the decontamination or disposal of PCBs and the equipment containing them, and include associated provisions for inventories and monitoring. They imposed registration requirements by 31 March 2001 for holders of PCB-contaminated equipment.
- **Control of Pollution (Oil Storage) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2010 impose** obligations on persons with custody or control of oil to carry out certain works and take precautions and other steps to prevent pollution of controlled water.
- **Planning (Hazardous Substances) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 set forth** requirements for consents for controlled quantities of hazardous substances present at the site.
- **Radioactive Substances Exemption (Northern Ireland) Order 2011 sets forth** exemptions from registration and authorization requirements under the *Radioactive Substances Act*.



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