



Environmental Health & Safety Audit Protocol The Netherlands 2020

release notes

STP ComplianceEHS (STP) announces the release of its recently updated EHS audit protocol for the Netherlands. 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Protocol Section	No Change	New	Amended	Repealed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	2	1	9	0
Air Emissions	7	1	7	0
Solid and Hazardous Waste	9	1	12	1
Water Resources	3	0	6	0
Above and Below Ground Tank Management	3	0	3	0
Community Noise	2	0	4	0
PCBs	3	0	0	0
Asbestos	3	0	6	0
General Health and Safety	0	0	6	0
Equipment, Machine and Electrical Safety	4	0	8	0
Material Handling and General In-Plant Safety	1	0	5	0
Fire Safety	1	0	2	0
Transport of Dangerous Goods	3	0	5	0
Industrial Hygiene	6	0	8	0
Chemical Management	8	2	9	2
Construction Work Site Safety	1	0	4	0

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highlights of selected new legislation

- **The Climate Act, published July 2 2019 (Stb. 2019, 253), July 2 2019 sets** national GHG emission reduction targets for the Dutch Government (49% decrease in 2030 and 95% decrease in 2050 compared to 1990 levels). It also requires the Dutch Government to establish a Climate Plan. Further measures are set out in a National Climate Agreement (Klimaatakkoord) between public and private parties.

- **The Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Regulation (EU) 2019/1021, OJ L169, 25 June 2019), 20 June 2019 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. This Regulation repealed and replaced *Regulation (EC) No. 850/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on Persistent Organic Pollutants as of 14 July 2019.*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 Decree on POPs, published on March 24, 2005 (Stb. 2005, 182), as amended through March 14, 2014 (Stb. 2004, 109), (POP-besluit milieubeheer), March 24, 2005 as amended through March 14, 2014 implements** Regulation (EC) No. 850/2004 and provides for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. The Dutch Government plans to repeal this Decree shortly as the new POP Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 has entered into force and Regulation (EC) No. 850/2004 has been repealed. Actual requirements related to POPs will largely stay the same.

- **The Implementing Regulation EU-Regulation on Persistent Organic Pollutants, published on December 13, 2019 (Stcrt. 2019, 65621), (Uitvoeringsregeling EU-verordening persistente organische verontreinigende stoffen), December 13, 2019 concerns** implementation of Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of 20 June 2019. It does not add Dutch-specific requirements but merely serves to designate public authorities and set specific legal prohibitions of certain requirements from Regulation (EU) 2019/1021.

- **The Regulation on Pesticides and Biocides, published on September 28, 2007 (Stcrt. 2007, 188 pg 16), as amended through January 4, 2020 (Stcrt. 2020, 18714), (Besluit gewasbeschermingsmiddelen en biociden), September 28, 2007 as amended through January 4, 2020 establishes** further procedures and requirements, for the marketing and use of plant protection products and biocides. It also details certain exemptions for prohibitions on use of such products.



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