



Environmental Health & Safety Audit Protocol Hungary 2020

release notes

STP ComplianceEHS (STP) announces the release of its newly developed environmental health and safety (EHS) audit protocol for Hungary. This audit protocol covers relevant national EHS requirements. The regulatory date for the current release is July 2020.

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

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

highlights of the regulatory framework

In Hungary, environmental protection is regulated through laws, Government decrees, and European Union Directives (transposed into the Hungarian law) and regulations. The main ministry regulating the field of environmental protection is the Ministry of the Environment.

The Minister of State for Environmental Affairs is responsible for environmental protection. This Minister is part of the Ministry of Rural Development. The Minister of State for Environmental Affairs implements and enforces the legislation and policies in the field of environmental protection.

More information about the Ministry of Rural Development is available online at <https://2010-2014.kormany.hu/en/ministry-of-rural-development> (last accessed in July 2020).

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Law No. LIII of 1996 on the Protection of Nature creates the legal framework for the protection and sustainable use of nature, landscapes and biodiversity, and for nature conservation with the goal of protecting, preserving, maintaining and developing natural assets and areas in Hungary.

Government Decree No. 314/2005 (XII.25) on the Environmental Impact Assessment and the Integrated Environmental Permit Procedure establishes rules on integrated prevention and control of air pollution arising from industrial activities. It also establishes the procedure and the requirements for obtaining an integrated environmental permit.

As with environmental protection, occupational health and safety in Hungary is regulated through laws, decrees and European Union Directives (transposed into the Hungarian law) and regulations. The main ministry regulating the field of occupational health and safety is the Ministry of Labor and Social Justice.

The Department of Labor Inspection is the specialized national authority, subordinate to the Ministry of Labor and Social Justice, that implements and enforces the legislation and policies in the field of occupational health and safety. The local authorities ensure the uniform implementation and enforcement of the national occupational health and safety provisions.

More information about the Labor Inspection is available online at http://ommf.gov.hu/index.html?akt_menu=123&set_lang=123 (last accessed in July 2020).

The framework legislation in the field of occupational health and safety is **Law No. XCIII of 1993 on Occupational Safety**, together with **Decree No. 5/1993. (XII. 26.) MüM on the Implementation of Certain Requirements of Law No. XCIII of 1993 on Occupational Safety** and **Joint Decree No. 3/2002. (II. 8.) SZCSM–EüM Concerning the Minimum Safety and Health Requirements for the Workplace**, which implement provisions of **Law No. XCIII of 1993**. Together, these pieces of legislation detail the requirements for the prevention of occupational risks, the protection of safety and health, the elimination of risk and accident factors, and the provision of information and training to workers as well as consultation regarding health and safety at work.

Issues relating to fire safety are implemented and enforced by the National Fire Inspectorate and its subordinate regional offices. More information regarding the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations is available online at https://regi.katasztrofavedelem.hu/index2.php?pageid=tuzvedelem_index (last accessed in July 2020).



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