



Environmental Health & Safety Audit Protocol South Africa 2021

release notes

STP ComplianceEHS (STP) announces the release of its recently updated EHS protocol for South Africa. This audit protocol, which contains relevant national requirements, was last updated in May 2019. The regulatory date for this latest release is February 2021. The table below shows the extent of regulatory changes taking place since the last update.

Number of Legislative Instruments and their Status
(since May 2019)

Protocol Section	No Change	New	Amended	Repealed
General Environmental	16	3	3	7
Air Emissions	21	0	4	0
Solid and Hazardous Waste	23	3	0	3
Water Resources	12	5	0	3
Above and Below Ground Tank Management	5	0	1	1
Community Noise	1	0	0	0
PCBs	2	0	0	0
Asbestos	2	1	0	1
General Health and Safety	14	0	3	0
Equipment, Machine and Electrical Safety	12	0	0	0
Material Handling and General In-Plant Safety	8	0	0	0
Fire Safety	10	0	0	0
Transport of Dangerous Goods	4	1	0	1
Industrial Hygiene	17	2	0	1
Chemical Management	21	4	0	2
Construction Work Site Safety	4	0	0	0

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highlights of selected new legislation

- **Government Notice R. 700 of December 8, 2020 introduces** mandatory requirements for the display of energy performance certificates in non-residential buildings and provides for the submission of energy performance certificates by owners of buildings.

- **Government Notice R. 1003 of September 18, 2020 repeals and replaces** the *Alien and Invasive Species Lists, 2014*. It lists the species for which, among other things, landowners are required to take steps to prevent or minimize harm to biodiversity.

- **Government Notice R. 1020 of September 25, 2020 repeals and replaces** the *Alien and Invasive Species Regulations, 2014*. It sets out restricted activities in terms of listed invasive species as well as permit requirements when conducting restricted activities.

- **Government Notice R. 994 of September 11, 2020 amends** the *National Greenhouse Emission Reporting Regulations, 2016*. The amendments include the requirement to report on a facility level, an update of the table with emission generating activities and reporting thresholds, as well as an update to the most recent version of the Technical Guidelines for Validation and Verification of Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

- **SANS 10234:2019, Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) repeals and replaces** previous versions of the Standard, including the 2008 version. The 2019 version of the Standard is aligned with the 4th revision of the UN GHS Purple book.

- **Government Notice R. 280 of March 29, 2021 repeals and replaces** the *Regulations for Hazardous Chemical Substances, 1995*. Also known as *Regulations for Hazardous Chemical Agents, 2020*, the new version of the legislation continues to include requirements for protecting employees who work with hazardous chemical substances in the workplace.

- **Government Notice 22 of January 21, 2019 was adopted** to establish procedures and control measures for the import, export and transit of waste and ensure cradle-to-cradle management in the transboundary movement of waste. It is also referred to as the *Regulations Regarding the Control of the Import or Export of Waste*.

- **Government Notice R. 1195 of November 10, 2020 repeals and replaces** the *Asbestos Regulations, 2001*. Also known as the *Asbestos Abatement Regulations, 2020*, the new version of the legislation continues to set forth the requirements for occupational use and exposure to asbestos, including notification of asbestos processing, education and training, measurement of exposure, record keeping, zoned areas, control of asbestos dust, cleanliness of premises and personal protective equipment.

- **Government Notice R. 1589 of December 6, 2019 adopts** the *Ergonomics Regulations, 2018*, which establish requirements regarding exposure to ergonomic risks in the workplace and also apply to designers, manufacturers, importers or suppliers of machinery, plant or work systems for use at a workplace.
- **Government Notice R. 1150 of September 10, 2019 adopts** the *Regulations to Phase-Out the Use of Persistent Organic Pollutants, 2019* to establish the requirements for the phase-out of the use, production, distribution, import and export of the prescribed persistent organic pollutants (POPs).
- **SANS 10019:2021 (Transportable Pressure Receptacles for Compressed, Dissolved and Liquefied Gases - Basic Design, Manufacture, Use and Maintenance) repeals and replaces** previous versions of the Standard, including the 2011 and 2019 versions.



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