



# Environmental Health & Safety Audit Protocol Japan 2021

## release notes

**STP ComplianceEHS (STP) announces** the release of its recently updated EHS audit protocol for Japan. This audit protocol, which covers relevant national EHS requirements, was previously updated in April 2019. The regulatory date for the current release is April 2021. The table below shows the extent of regulatory changes that have occurred since the previous update.

**Number of Legislative Instruments and their Status**  
(since April 2019)

Protocol Section	No Change	New	Amended	Repealed
General Environmental	10	0	10	0
Air Emissions	9	0	10	0
Solid and Hazardous Waste	10	2	6	0
Water Resources	21	0	8	0
Above and Below Ground Tank Management	2	0	2	0
Community Noise	7	0	1	0
PCBs	2	0	4	0
Asbestos	1	0	6	0
General Health and Safety	2	0	7	0
Equipment, Machine and Electrical Safety	1	0	3	0
Material Handling and General In-Plant Safety	1	0	5	0
Fire Safety	1	1	8	0
Transport of Dangerous Goods	2	0	4	0
Industrial Hygiene	5	0	17	0
Chemical Management	10	1	26	0
Construction Work Site Safety	0	0	0	0

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## highlights of selected new legislation

- **Law on the Promotion of Recycling of Small Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment [Law of No. 57 of August 10, 2012]** stipulates measures for promoting the recycling of small waste electrical and electronic equipment, thereby ensuring proper disposal of waste and effective use of resources.
- **Order for Enforcement of the Law on the Promotion of Recycling of Small Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment [Cabinet Order No. 45 of March 6, 2013]** lists types of small waste electrical and electronic equipment regulated in the Order. A written contract is required for the collection, transportation, and recycling of small waste electrical and electronic equipment.
- **Ministerial Ordinance for Technical Standards for Fire Extinguishers [Ministry of Home Affairs Ordinance No. 27 of June 28, 1958]** provides technical specifications for fire extinguishers.
- **Guidelines Concerning the Promotion of the Labelling or Notification of the Hazards or Toxicity of Chemical Substances [Health and Welfare Provincial Order No. 9 of March 29, 2012]** establish provisions concerning labelling and notifications concerning hazards or toxicity of hazardous chemical substances, etc. They are referenced in the Ordinance on Industrial Safety and Health.



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