



# Environmental Health & Safety Audit Protocol Colombia 2021

## release notes

**STP ComplianceEHS (STP) announces** the release of its recently updated EHS audit protocol for Colombia. This audit protocol, which covers relevant national EHS requirements, was previously updated in October 2019. The regulatory date for the current release is October 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 October 2019)

Protocol Section	No Change	New	Amended	Repealed
General Environmental	3	0	2	0
Air Emissions	14	0	1	0
Solid and Hazardous Waste	15	0	1	0
Water Resources	5	0	2	0
Above and Below Ground Tank Management	4	0	0	0
Community Noise	1	0	1	0
PCBs	4	0	0	0
Asbestos	3	1	0	0
General Health and Safety	15	2	3	0
Equipment, Machine and Electrical Safety	1	0	0	0
Material Handling and General In-Plant Safety	2	1	0	0
Fire Safety	4	0	1	0
Transport of Dangerous Goods	4	0	0	0
Industrial Hygiene	12	0	0	0
Chemical Management	6	1	0	0
Construction Work Site Safety	4	0	0	0

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## highlights of selected new legislation

- **Decree 402 of 2021, Prohibition of Import and Export of Asbestos, April 16, 2021** enacts a total prohibition on exploiting, producing, marketing, importing, distributing, or exporting any variety of asbestos or any products made with it.
- **Resolution 2646 of 2008, Ministry of Social Protection, July 23, 2008** establishes provisions and defines the responsibilities for the identification, evaluation, prevention, intervention and permanent monitoring of exposure to psychosocial risk factors at work, as part of an employer's overall risk assessment requirements.
- **Resolution 2404 of 2019, Ministry of Labor, July 22, 2019** provides mandatory technical references that the employer and its associated healthcare service(s) must use in evaluating workplace psychosocial risk, and in developing prevention and control activities to reduce psychosocial risks to employee health.
- **Resolution 491 of 2020, Ministry of Labor, February 24, 2020** establishes the minimum requirements for ensuring the health and safety of workers carrying out work in confined spaces.
- **Resolution 773 of 2021, Ministry of Labor and Ministry of Health and Social Protection, April 7, 2021** defines the actions to be taken by employers in the workplace for the implementation of the Sixth Revised Edition (2015) of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). It implements requirements regarding the classification and hazard reporting of chemicals, and requirements for labeling and Safety Data Sheets.



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