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INTERNATIONAL AUDIT PROTOCOLS: TOPICS



FEATURED TOPICS

International Audit Protocols

Listed below are the details of what is covered in each of the topics in each country.

GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL

- Environmental Impact Statements
- Permits or Licenses to Construct New Facilities or Expand Existing Facilities
- General Operating Permits/Licenses

SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Includes waste management/waste disposal;
- Also includes Import/Export of Hazardous Waste.
- Requirements related to management of PCB and Asbestos wastes are included in their respective sections of the protocol.

ABOVE AND BELOW GROUND TANK MANAGEMENT

- Permits, Authorizations, Certifications
- Key Installation Requirements (such as distances from buildings, containment requirements)
- Release, Reporting and Response Requirements (specific to tanks)
- Fire Requirements (specific to tanks)
- Includes, where possible, Country-Specific Definitions for Tanks

Note: Includes piping. Does **NOT** include design specification requirements for tanks or associated piping

AIR EMISSIONS

- Includes use of ozone depleting substances



WATER RESOURCES

- Water Supplies (as it relates to the private Abstraction of Drinking and Process Water)
- Operation of On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems (but not municipal systems)
- Wastewater Discharges to water bodies and public sewer systems
- Storm water Discharges to water bodies and public sewer systems



COMMUNITY NOISE

PCBs

GENERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Internal Health and Safety Committees, Organizations, Representatives
- Risk/Hazard Assessments
- Employment of Minors or Women
- Training, Awareness and Prevention Programs
- MSDS Requirements (for chemical usage - does not include requirements for suppliers)
- Medical Surveillance and First Aid/Medical Services
- Accident and Injury Reporting and Record Keeping
- General H&S Permits and Authorizations, including sanitation-related issues
- Safety Signs
- Industry and/or Process-Specific H&S requirements

FIRE SAFETY

- Emergency Response and Contingency Planning and Training
- Fire Suppression Equipment and Procedures
- Emergency Alarm Systems
- Means of Egress
- General Chemical and Hazardous Materials Storage
- Storage of Flammable and Combustible Liquids
- Storage of Compressed Gases
- Boilers, Pressure Vessels, Industrial Furnaces and Ovens

ASBESTOS

- As it relates to the Presence of Asbestos Containing Building Materials as well as occupational health-related issues

EQUIPMENT, MACHINE AND ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Tool and Equipment Safety
- Machinery and Machine Guarding
- Welding, Cutting and Brazing
- Electrical Safety Work Practices (includes lock-out/tag-out requirements)

MATERIAL HANDLING AND GENERAL IN-PLANT SAFETY

- Manual Lifting and Handling Procedures
- Forklifts
- Overhead Cranes and Hoists
- In-Plant Powered Vehicles
- Walk and Working Surfaces
- Ladders
- Confined Space Entry Procedures

TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

- The focus of this section is on plant requirements as they relate to getting regulated dangerous (hazardous) goods ready for transport to customers or other plants, including vehicle placarding. The section is not intended to cover broader common carrier requirements or on-road safety. Additionally, the section does not cover product registration issues (the analogy in the U.S. would be TSCA pre-manufacturing notifications). Definitions of Dangerous Goods
- Packaging and Labeling Requirements
 - Training and Spill Response Requirements
 - Reporting Requirements



INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE

- General (light, extreme temperatures, dust, ventilation, sanitary facilities, eating, changing and break rooms)
- Prohibited Chemicals in the Workplace
- Exposure to Chemical and Biological Agents/ Hazards in the Workplace
- Disease Exposure Control (includes blood-borne pathogens)
- Radiation
- Work in Abnormal Atmospheres/Pressures
- Vibration impacts to body;
- Ergonomics (including repetitive motion requirements)
- Video Display Terminals
- Respiratory Protection
- Other Personal Protective Equipment (other than those related to noise and respirators)



CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT

- Includes vibration impacts to hearing

CONSTRUCTION WORK SITE SAFETY

- Pre-Construction Requirements
- Construction Phase
- Other Health and Safety Obligations During Construction
- Safety Requirements for Equipment
- Explosives





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**Important note: These headings aim to serve as a guide and may vary depending on the specific country or jurisdiction.
Not every country has all of the topics.**

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