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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, September 9, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- STP ComplianceEHS (STP) announces the release of its recently updated Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) audit protocol for New Zealand. This audit protocol, which covers relevant national EHS requirements, was previously updated in June 2018. The regulatory date for the current release is June 2020.

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Highlights of the selected new legislation:

- The Ozone Layer Protection Regulations 1996 were amended to add a conditional prohibition on importation or exportation of bulk hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs).
- Amendments to the Climate Change Response Act 2002 revised the description of certain activities that are included in the list of stationary energy activities that are participants in the New Zealand greenhouse gas emissions trading scheme.

- The Geothermal Energy Regulations have been removed, as geothermal energy activities are not within the scope of this protocol.
- The Imports and Exports (Asbestos-containing Products) Prohibition Order 2016 has been added to the protocol. This order prohibits the importation into New Zealand of goods that contain asbestos unless the importation is authorized by a permit.
- The Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire Safety, Evacuation Procedures, and Evacuation Schemes) Regulations 2018 were amended effective May 22, 2020, in order to temporarily suspend requirements for owners of buildings to conduct trial evacuations, notify Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ), and implement evacuation training programs at 6-month intervals during the period when New Zealand's Epidemic Preparedness (COVID-19) Notice 2020 is in force. The principal COVID-19 Notice came into force on 25 March 2020 and was renewed on 24 June 2020. The notice can be further extended if required. Based on the recent renewal the principal notice will not expire until 24 September 2020, unless an earlier date is declared by the Prime Minister by notice in the New Zealand Gazette.
- The Hazardous Substances (Importers and Manufacturers) Notice 2015 was amended by Notices issued in 2017 and 2018. The 2017 Amendment required importers of Class 1 explosive substances to apply for an import certificate. As a result of the 2018 Amendment, an import certificate is only required for explosives that require a controlled substance license under the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017 and for retail fireworks, except certain novelty and noise-maker fireworks.
- The Hazardous Substances (Health and Safety Reform Revocations) Regulations 2017 revoked portions of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (Personnel Qualifications) Regulations 2001 relating to approved handlers, and also revoked requirements related to the assessment of risks, costs, and benefits under the Hazardous Substances (Forms and Information) Regulations 2001.

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