



TECHNICAL BULLETIN

Material Safety Data Sheets

Rubber articles are exempt from Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) labeling requirements as explained below.

MSDS labeling is a requirement of the Code of Federal Regulations – 29 CFR 1910.1200 – Hazard Communication. The purpose of the regulation is described in Paragraph (a), Section (1) as follows:

The purpose of this section is to ensure that the hazards of all chemicals produced or imported are evaluated, and that information concerning their hazards is transmitted to employers and employees.

This transmittal of information is to be accomplished by means of comprehensive hazard communication programs, which are to include container labeling and other forms of warning, material safety data sheets and employee training.

Exemptions are defined in Paragraph (b), Section (6) as follows:

This section does not require labeling of the following chemicals:

Subparagraph (v) – **Articles** (as that term is defined in paragraph (c) of this section).

Paragraph (c) – Definitions.

"**Article**" means a manufactured item other than a fluid or particle: (i) which is formed to a specific shape or design during manufacture; (ii) which has end use function(s) dependent in whole or in part upon its shape or design during end use; and (iii) which under normal conditions of use does not release more than very small quantities, e.g., minute or trace amounts of a hazardous chemical (as determined under paragraph (d) of this section), and does not pose a physical hazard or health risk to employees.

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