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Subject: Material Spec Data Sheet (MSDS) Requests

To: Our Valued Customers

Recently, we have received a few requests for MSDS sheets for several of our products. It is not the policy of HBD/Thermoid Industries to issue MSDS sheets. The OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) (Subpart Z, Toxic and Hazardous Substances, 29 CFR 1910.1200) defines our products as "Articles". The definition of "Article" is as follows:

"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 on 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, and does not pose a physical or health risk to employees."

According to OSHA, "Articles" are exempt from being required to issue MSDS sheets. Under this definition, products such as hoses, v-belts, rubber rolls, conveyor belting and ducting would be considered as "articles."

We trust you will be able to use this information to satisfy your concerns or your customer concerns regarding the necessity of the MSDS sheets.

Sincerely,

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