

Material Safety Data Sheet Exemption

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This statement will notify you that textile wallcovering manufactured by Tapetex B.V. is an "Article" under the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard and, as such, is exempt from the provisions of the standard. (Please see the explanation of the exemption below.)

Material Safety Data Sheets are required to be furnished by suppliers under various Federal and State statutes and regulations for substances, materials or products that are deemed to be hazardous.

Textile wallcovering is not deemed to be a hazardous product. We, therefore submit this statement in lieu of a Material Safety Data sheet.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Hazard Communication Standard requires Material Safety Data Sheets be furnished for substances, materials or products which are deemed to be hazardous products. Section 1910.1200 (b) (5) (iv) of the standard exempts "Articles." According to the definitions and interpretations in Part C of the above reference, an "Article" means a manufactured item:

1. Which is formed to a specific shape or design during manufacture,
2. Which has end use function(s) dependent in whole or part upon its shape or design during end use; and
3. Which does not release, or otherwise result in exposure to, a hazardous chemical under normal conditions of use.

All textile wallcoverings manufactured by Tapetex B.V. are formed to specific shapes or design during manufacture; have end use function(s) dependent in whole or part upon their shapes and design during end use; and do not release, or otherwise result in exposure to, a hazardous chemical under normal conditions of use.

Thus, textile wallcoverings manufactured by Tapetex B.V. are an "Article" as defined by the standard, and are exempt from the requirements for Material Safety Data Sheets.

The statement provided above is offered for all manufactured textile wallcoverings by Tapetex B.V. in lieu of a Material Safety Data Sheet for project records required for compliance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard and State Right-to-Know requirements.