



Kimberly-Clark Corporation

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Re: Request for MSDS for Surgical Packs

Dear Customer,

Kimberly-Clark Corporation supplies the following item that meets the definition of an article under both OSHA and WHMIS. A Material Safety Data Sheet is therefore not required for this item.

Surgical Packs, 88224

Under OSHA 1910.1200, the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, Material Safety Data Sheets are required for all hazardous chemicals with certain exceptions. One exception is for manufactured articles. An article, as defined in section (c), is "a manufactured item: (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 or health risk to employees."

The Canadian WHMIS Regulation and the Australian Regulation on the Classification of Hazardous Substances [NOHSC:1008(2004)] contain a similar exclusion for manufactured articles. While the EU regulations do not specifically contain an exemption for manufactured articles, it is our opinion that those products sold by Kimberly-Clark Corporation that are considered articles in the U.S. and Canada would not be considered dangerous substances or preparations in the EU and would not require a safety data sheet.

Since certain Kimberly-Clark products may be used to absorb body fluids or other potentially hazardous materials that may require special disposal, the user must determine the local, state and federal regulations that apply to the disposal of used products and dispose of them properly.

Please feel free to contact us if you require any further information.

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