



Specification Data -- RESILIENT TILE FLOORING 09 65

Material Safety Data Sheet - Technical Bulletin

This document is to provide clarification regarding the need of Material Safety Data Sheets for products that Burke Flooring manufactures and distributes in North America.

According to the Hazard Communication Standard of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, MSDS's are required for all hazardous chemicals; however, the Standard specifically exempts all "Articles" from this requirement [29 CFR 1910.1200(b)(6)(v)].

"Articles" by definition of the Standard, "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."

We wish to advise our customers that all of Burke Flooring's Rubber Floor Tiles, Rubber and Vinyl Stair Treads and Nosings, Rubber and Vinyl Wall Base, BurkeTurf and EcoScore Rubber Tiles, Resilient Mouldings, Luxury Vinyl Tiles and all other extruded or molded flooring products and accessories including articles under the Mercer and Endura product lines are "Articles" according to the above definition, and therefore are exempt from the MSDS requirements.

In addition, all of Burke's extruded and molded flooring products and accessories are not reportable under SARA III, Sections 311 thru 313. The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act exempts substances present as a solid in any manufactured item to the extent exposure of the substance does not occur under normal conditions of use.

Material Safety Data Sheets are required, under the Hazard Communication Standard of OSHA, for Burke's Adhesives and are available upon request from our customer service department.

Should you require additional information or clarification regarding this subject, please contact Burke's Customer Service Department at 1-800-447-8442.