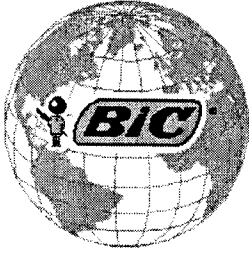


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Dear Valued Customer:

Thank you for your inquiry concerning a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for BIC products.

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has established regulations regarding hazardous chemical communications (29 CFR 1910.1200 et seq.). The stated purpose of these regulations is to ensure that the hazards of certain chemicals are evaluated and that this information is communicated to employers and employees.

OSHA regulations provide for transmittal of hazardous chemical information by various means, including the preparation and maintenance of an MSDS for each hazardous chemical. A hazardous chemical is defined as any chemical, which is a physical or health hazard.

BIC writing instruments, lighters, shavers and correction products are "consumer products," as defined by the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C.A. 2051, et seq.), and not hazardous chemicals. As such, BIC products are exempt from MSDS requirements when they are manufactured, used or distributed pursuant to OSHA guidelines (see 29 CFR 1910.1200(b), (c) and (g)). As a result, an MSDS is not required for consumer products such as BIC writing instruments, lighters, shavers, and correction products.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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