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COMMUNICATION-SAFETY DATA SHEETS US

Hazard Communication – Safety Data Sheets

Format

A Safety Data Sheet (SDS) has 16 sections in the following categories:

Identification Sections

- Roles and Responsibilities
- 1. Identification of the substance or mixture and of the supplier
- 2. Hazards identification
- 3. Composition/Information on ingredients

Emergency/Exposure Sections

- 4. First aid measures
 - 5. Firefighting measures
- 6. Accidental release measures 7. Handling and storage
- 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Properties Sections

9. Physical and chemical properties10. Stability and reactivity11. Toxicological information

Additional Information

- 12. Ecological information
- 13. Disposal considerations
- 14. Transport information
- 15. Regulatory information
- 16. Other information including information on preparation and revision of the SDS

- Employers of employees who use chemicals (chemical users): Update SDSs when new ones become available, provide training on new label elements, and update hazard communication programs if new hazards are identified
- Chemical manufacturers (chemical producers): Review hazard information for all chemicals produced or imported, classify chemicals according to the new classification criteria, and update labels/SDSs