

## OSHA Hazard Communication Act

The Hazard Communication Act does not require manufacturers to supply a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) on finished carpet.

The U.S. Government's [Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(OSHA\)](#) is responsible for the [Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200](#). The purpose of this standard is “to ensure that the hazards of all chemicals produced or imported are classified, and that information concerning the classified hazards is transmitted to employers and employees. The requirements of this section are intended to be consistent with the provisions of the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), Revision 3. The transmittal of information is to be accomplished by means of comprehensive hazard communication programs, which are to include container labeling and other forms of warning, safety data sheets and employee training.”

According to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 29, Subtitle B, Chapter XVII, Part 1910, Subpart Z, 1910.1200, Section (2)(b)(6)(v):

(b) *Scope and application.*

(6) This section does not apply to:

(v) Articles (as that term is defined in paragraph (c) of this section);

(c) *Definitions.* *Article* 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.

Finished carpet exhibits performance parameters which meet all of the requirements as specified in the definition of an “Article”; therefore, carpet is classified as an “Article” and exempt from the Hazard Communication Act.

**Note:** Section 1910.1200 has been updated to align with the UN Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), Revision 3, issued in the [Federal Register, March 26, 2012](#). This rule became effective May 25, 2012.

