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Corporate Quality Assurance/Regulatory Affairs

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Dear Valued Medline Customer

Subject: Material Data Safety Sheets for the following items:

NON21424, NON21444 GAUZE

The item(s) referenced above for which you have requested a Material Safety Data Sheet are manufactured or distributed by Medline Industries, Inc. and meet the requirements of a Article as defined in the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200). Products classified as Articles, are considered exempt from the OSHA Hazard Communication Regulations. The exemption and definition of an Article is set forth in the following sections of 29 CFR 1910.1200:

Section (b) (6) This section does not apply to:

Section (b) (6) (v) Articles (as that term is defined in paragraph (c) of this section;

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.

These products in their marketed packaging are generally not considered hazardous under normal conditions of use when used in accordance with labeling instructions.

Sincerely,

Andrea Haferkamp
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Medline Industries, Inc.