

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

According to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 29, Chapter XVII, Part 1910, Subpart Z, paragraph (b) (5), this Act does not apply to:

- i. Any hazardous waste as such term is defined by the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.), when subject to regulations issued under that Act by the Environmental Protection Agency:
- ii. Tobacco or tobacco products;
- iii. Wood or wood products;
- iv. Articles; and
- v. Foods, drugs, or cosmetics intended for personal consumption by employees while in the workplace.

Definitions - "Article" means a manufactured item: (1) Which is formed to a specific shape or design during manufacture, (2) which has end use function(s) dependent in whole or in part upon its shape or design during end use and (3) which does not release, or otherwise result in exposure to, a hazardous chemical under normal conditions or use.

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.