# **ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTATION TO A SAFETY DATA SHEET (SDS) DESIGNATION OF 'ARTICLES'**

The U.S Occupational Safety & Health Administration's (OSHA) Hazard Communications Standard (HCS) 29 CFR 1910.1200(g) requires that chemical manufacturers, distributors or importers provide a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for each hazardous chemical they produce or import. The SDS must communicate information on these hazards to all users who have contact with the chemical.

As defined in 29 CFR 1910.1200(c), an "Article" is a manufactured item other than a fluid or particle:

- i. which is formed to a specific shape or design during
- 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 CFR 1910.1200), and does not pose a physical hazard or health risk to employees.

Products that are manufactured or fabricated into an "Article" typically are whole units that do not and cannot pose a risk in that they cannot be ingested, inhaled or absorbed into the body through the skin, eyes or mucous membranes under normal conditions of use. By definition, this means that they are not classified as dangerous products and that there is also no intended release of dangerous substances during normal conditions of use.

As such, the products requested are designated as "Articles" and/or non-hazardous are exempt from SDS requirements.

In accordance with 29 CFR 1910.1200(b)(6)(v), the following Drytac products are specifically exempted as an "Article", and therefore, do not require an SDS be created or provided to end users.

- Mounting adhesives
- Overlaminating films
- Print media



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