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SAFETY DATA SHEETS (SDS) and MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS (MSDS) and LAMPS

Under the OSHA Hazards Communication Standard, a lamp (light bulb) is exempted as an "article", and that as such, does not require an SDS or MSDS sheet.

The original OSHA standard defined an article as something that:

- 1) is formed to a specific shape and design,**
- 2) has end use functions dependent upon its shape and design, and**
- 3) does not release or otherwise result in an exposure to a hazardous chemical under normal conditions of use.**

In February 1994, OSHA amended the Hazard Communication Standard and modified part 3 of the above definition to read:

- 3) does not release more than very small quantities of a hazardous chemical under normal conditions of use.**

In March 2012, OSHA revised data sheet formatting and information requirements and renamed the document a Safety Data Sheet (SDS).

State and local regulations also contain similar exemptions for articles.

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