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Dear Customer,

Thank you for your recent request for information regarding GORE™ Gasketing products.

GORE™ Gasketing products are composed predominantly of expanded polytetrafluoroethylene (98-100%), an inert, solid fluoropolymer material. Some products include an adhesive application system (0-2%), composed primarily of a styrene-butadiene based rubber.

Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) requirements are stated by the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), under the Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200). Any product which meets the definition of an "article," is exempt from the requirements of the Standard.

The OSHA definition of an "article:"

29 CFR 1910.1200(c)

"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) dependant 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 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.

All components of GORE™ Gasketing products are considered non-hazardous under the Hazard Communications Standard.

GORE™ Gasketing products fall within the definition of an "article" as defined by the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), under the Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200). As such, GORE™ Gasketing products are exempt from the requirements of the Standard, including publishing MSDS.

While Gore has provided non-mandatory MSDS in the past, Gore will not continue to update or distribute MSDS for GORE™ Gasketing products.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

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