



The Reason Why Some CRI Products Have No MSDS

Many products, such as adhesives or cleaners, require a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). The purpose of the MSDS is to provide those in contact with the substances instructions for handling or working with them in a safe manner. However, not all products require an MSDS.

According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), products which fit the definition of 'articles' are exempt from the MSDS requirement. Articles are products that are manufactured or fabricated into a 'whole unit', and cannot typically be ingested, inhaled, or absorbed into the body through skin, eyes, or mucous membranes during normal use¹. They need no MSDS as they do not pose the original risks of the materials used to make them.

Many of CRI's finished goods, such as various catheters and gas sampling lines, are articles. We may use potentially hazardous chemicals in the fabrication of the products. Therefore, each of these subcomponents would require an MSDS and proper handling. However, very little of these chemicals end up in the finished product and significant amounts of these substances cannot normally transfer from the finished product into the body.

Still, safety is of the utmost importance. Therefore, comprehensive records are kept for finished goods including documentation of their biocompatibility and sterility.

If you would like to know more about how we ensure the safety of our employees, products, and customers, feel free to contact us at:

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Babacar Diouf". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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¹ 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 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."