

# Safety Data Sheets

## “RIGHT TO KNOW” LAW

The requirements to have Safety Data Sheets (formerly called Material Safety Data Sheets) is governed by OSHA under the Hazard Communication Standard 29CFR1910.1200.

The basic goal of the Hazard Communication Standard is to ensure that employers and employees know about chemical hazards and how to protect themselves. This knowledge, in turn, should help to reduce the incidence of chemical source illnesses and injuries.

Chemical manufacturers and importers must convey the hazard information they learn from their evaluations to downstream employers by means of labels on containers and Safety Data Sheets (SDS). (Formerly Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)).

The Hazard Communication Program ensures that all employers receive the information they need to inform and train their employees properly and to design and put in place employee protection programs. It also provides necessary hazard information to employees, so they can participate in, and support the protective measures in place at their workplaces.

Employees shall be trained concerning the hazardous of the materials they are handling and the employer must maintain the SDS and have them accessible to the employees.