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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: MSDS for cured paint

The Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are used to ensure that all the hazardous ingredients contained within the paint product, as supplied by PPG Industries, Inc., are communicated to the customer so he can take appropriate safety precautions in the handling and use of the product. Once a paint finish is applied and cured, it then falls into the category defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) as an "Article". An Article is defined as a manufactured item which has end use function(s) dependent in whole or in part upon its shape or design which does not release or otherwise result in exposure to a hazardous substance under normal conditions of use.

This is the rationale for not requiring MSDS for cured paint. There is no longer any danger from exposure to hazardous ingredients under normal conditions of use of the manufactured product. The paint finish becomes part of the Article as defined by OSHA.

Additional information on this subject can be obtained in the OSHA Hazard Communication Manual; Sec. 1910-1200.

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