

STATEMENT ON SDS EXEMPTION FOR SELECTILE, FREESTYLE AND GROUNDFLOOR TILE PRODUCTS

Items that are not <u>hazardous</u> or that are specifically exempted in the <u>OSHA HazCom Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200</u> do not require an SDS. <u>Section G.2</u> of the OSHA Inspection Procedures for the HazCom Standard explicitly states the standard requires SDSs only for hazardous chemicals. The HCS does not require manufacturers, or importers to supply SDSs for non-hazardous chemicals.

Nonetheless, some downstream clients may still insist on an SDS in cases where one is not required. If you encounter someone who will not accept a verbal assurance, OSHA has suggested providing a written statement such as "This product is not considered to be or to contain hazardous chemicals based on evaluations made by our company under the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200." This gives the requesting party something that they can put in their files and saves the manufacturer from needless work. For items that are specifically exempted from coverage under the Standard, your statement should reflect the specific exemption(s) and the specific paragraph(s) of the standard which applies.

SELECTECH FLOOR TILES ARE SPECIFICALLY EXEMPT FROM SDS REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE APPLICABLE OSHA DEFINITION OF "ARTICLE":

An "article" means a manufactured item: (1) which is formed to a specific shape or design during manufacture (2) which has end use function(s) dependent in whole or in part upon its shape or design during end use; and (3) which does not release, or otherwise result in exposure to, a hazardous chemical under normal conditions of use. Any product which meets the definition of an "article," would be exempt from the requirements of the Standard.

SelecTile, FreeStyle and GroundFloor products qualify as EXEMPT ARTICLES under this standard. These products are injection molded into modular tile form and do not release or cause exposure to hazardous chemicals under normal conditions of use.