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To whom it may concern

## Obligation to provide Material Safety Data Sheets

Dear Sir or Madam,

material safety data sheets (MSDS) have been a well-accepted and effective method for the provision of information on **substances** and **mixtures** in the European Community and have been made an integral part of the system of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH).

For the purposes of this regulation the definitions in article 3 are as follows:

- 1) **Substance**: means a chemical element and its compounds in the natural state or obtained by any manufacturing process, including any additive necessary to preserve its stability and any impurity deriving from the process used, but excluding any solvent which may be separated without affecting the stability of the substance or changing its composition;
- 2) **Mixtures/preparation**: means a mixture or solution composed of two or more substances;
- 3) **Article**: means an object which during production is given a special shape, surface or design which determines its function to a greater degree than does its chemical composition.

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This regulation describes the handling and process of MSDS in article 31 and annex II.

Article 31; (1) :

“The supplier of a **substance** or a **preparation** shall provide the recipient of the substance or preparation with a safety data sheet compiled in accordance with Annex II”

There isn't any obligation to provide or prepare MSDS for **articles**. Furthermore the provided properties ( chapter 1 – 16 ) in the MSDS are not applicable for **articles** like

- Sub-Construction elements for facade systems
- frame dowel
- fixing screws
- spacer
- plastic smoothing trowel
- tools

and many more. Therefore, MSDS for these articles would not provide relevant information.

As a consequence Sto SE & Co. KGaA has decided not to issue MSDS for articles.

For further questions don't hesitate to contact us.

Best regards

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