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Voluntary Product Information (VPI) based on the format of a safety data sheet

Dear Customer,

In the last years we provided information on our abrasive products on a voluntary basis in the format of a safety data sheet.

Under the REACH Regulation the status and importance of the safety data sheet has changed. Safety data sheets are documents with a legally defined scope which have to fulfill certain requirements related to the format and content (Annex II of the REACH Regulation). Following the REACH Regulation the communication of important information via Safety Data Sheets (SDS) is only foreseen for **substances** and **mixtures**. For **articles** a safety data sheet is not foreseen under REACH.

Abrasive products meet the criteria of **articles** according to REACH with exemption of polishes and pastes which are defined as mixtures or substances. Consequently no safety data sheets have to be provided by abrasive producers for most of their products.

However, many customers of the abrasive industry are used to the format and structure of a safety data sheet and prefer the communication of information on abrasive products in this form.

Therefore the abrasive industry has decided to continue to provide this voluntary information on a safe use and handling of abrasives in the form of a

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This voluntary product information follows the general structure of an SDS (16 sections). But as certain sub headings are not relevant due to the article status of abrasives these are not included.

Please be aware that the provision of these documents is a voluntary service. There is no requirement of the abrasive industry to provide this document.

We hope that this decision of the abrasive industry is in line with your internal quality requirements.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.



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