To Whom It May Concern:

AMERICAN FITTINGS Corporation has determined that our steel and malleable iron electrical fittings are exempt from OSHA’s MSDS requirements. The reason for this determination is; our referenced products are defined as “articles” within OSHA’s MSDS reporting guidelines.

The following is a statement from OSHA’s Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200:

“An Article” means a manufactured item other than a fluid or particle: (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 under normal conditions of use does not release more than very small quantities, e.g., minute or trace amounts of a hazardous chemical, and does not pose a physical hazard or health risk to employees. Any product which meets the definition of an “article”, would be exempt from the requirements of the Standard. Evaluation of an article, must consider the health risk which exposure to that article presents. (The term “risk” as opposed to “hazard” is used here, since hazard is an inherent property of the chemical and exists no matter the quantity of exposure. To be exempted as an article, exposure must not pose a risk to employee health).”

Therefore, in accordance with this criterion, an MSDS is required in almost all cases unless essentially there is no way that the amount of material could cause harm when used in a normal manner.

We therefore certify that, AMERICAN FITTINGS Corporation steel electrical fittings are considered “articles” under this OSHA criteria, and do not release any trace amounts of hazardous chemicals in normal use.

Sincerely,

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