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To Whom It May Concern:

The medical products manufactured by Surgical Specialties Corporation and Surgical Specialties Puerto Rico, Inc., both also doing business as (d/b/a) Angiotech are not considered chemicals or Hazardous materials. Therefore, they are excluded from the scope of OSHA's Hazard Communication (29 CFR Part 1910.1200) and do not require material safety data sheets (MSDS). The following excerpt from OSHA's Hazard Communication is noted:

1910.1200(b)(5)


This section does not require labeling of the following chemicals:

1910.1200(b)(iii)

Any food, food additive, color additive, drug, cosmetic, or medical or veterinary device or product, including materials intended for use as ingredients in such products (e.g. flavors and fragrances), as such terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) or the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act of 1913 (21 U.S.C. 151 et seq.), and regulations issued under those Acts, when they are subject to the labeling requirements under those Acts by either the Food and Drug Administration or the Department of Agriculture;

Furthermore, the materials used in the manufacture of Surgical Specialties products intended for human use have been determined to be safe in the quantity and form as they are presented in their final saleable form.

This applies to Sutures (with and without needles), Microsurgical Knives, Cannulas, Cystotomes, Fluid Distribution Sets, Bone Wax, Collagen Spacers as well as Punctal Plugs made from Silicone, Collagen and PCL.



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