

OSHA Clarifies Consumer Product Exemption



In a release to clarify a question about the requirements for employers to maintain MSDS for consumer products they released the following information. “The consumer product exemption of the HCS (Hazard Communication Standard) applies to the use of consumer products only if the employer can demonstrate that they are used in the same manner as a normal consumer would use them,” the agency wrote. “If the employees are routinely exposed to these chemicals, then they would be required to provide the chemical hazard information through the MSDS and HAZCOM training.” “If the use of Windex, for instance, were used with the frequency and duration of the normal consumer, then the use would fall under the HCS exemption.”

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