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**SDS Informational Update: The Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) (29 CFR 1910.1200(g))**

“The Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) (29 CFR 1910.1200(g)), revised in 2012, requires that the chemical manufacturer, distributor, or importer provide Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) (formerly MSDSs or Material Safety Data Sheets) for each hazardous chemical to downstream users to communicate information on these hazards. The information contained in the SDS is largely the same as the MSDS, except now the SDSs are required to be presented in a consistent user-friendly, 16-section format.” (<https://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/index.html>)

ClarkDietrich Building Systems is always working hard to make sure our customers and employees have the proper information at the proper time. As a “chemical user” we are required to update our MSDSs to the new SDSs as they become available. Below is a table of important dates from the OSHA website regarding the transition to the new SDSs.

Effective Completion Date	Requirements(s)	Who
December 1, 2013	Train employees on the new label elements and SDS format	Employers
June 1, 2015	Comply with all modified provisions of this final rule, except:	Chemical manufacturers, importers, distributors and employers
December 1, 2015	Distributors may ship products labeled by manufacturers under the old system until December 1, 2015	
June 1, 2016	Update alternative workplace labeling and hazard communication program as necessary, and provide additional employee training for newly identified physical or health hazards.	Employers
Transition Period	Comply with either 29 CFR 1910.1200 (this final standard), or the current standard, or both.	All chemical manufacturers, importers, distributors and employers

ClarkDietrich Building Systems has already reached out to our suppliers requesting these new SDSs be sent to us when they become available, and is preparing to be fully compliant by the required effective dates if not sooner. For questions or comments, please call our Technical Services Department at 888-437-3244 or visit the OSHA website at: <https://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/index.html>

As additional information becomes available we will update you.

Best Regards,

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