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Re: Changes to Bisco’s Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)

Dear Bisco Customers:

During the next 8 months, you will see updated versions of Bisco’s Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS). The new versions will be called Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and are being created to meet the Occupational Health and Safety Administration’s (OSHA) standard for hazard communication known as HazCom 2012. As part of this standard, a Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals will be implemented.

The adoption of the GHS is intended to increase consistency between the laws in different countries that currently have different hazard communication requirements. There is no set international implementation schedule for the GHS. However, for many of Bisco’s customers (specifically in the United States, Canada, and the EU), the implementation deadline for the GHS is June 1, 2015. This means that all MSDSs need to be converted to the SDS format. During the conversion period, you may see an MSDS for some products and an SDS for other products until the conversion is complete. There will be a US version, an International version (INT) and a Canadian version (CAN) of the SDSs. We will endeavor to post the updated versions on the Bisco website as soon as they are completed.

As the result of the additional information required for the SDS format, you may notice that they are generally much longer than the current MSDSs. This may give the impression that something has changed in the products that you have been using or that they have become more hazardous. Please rest assured that this is not the case. The products are not changing and remain safe for their intended use.

If you have questions about the SDSs and the information that is contained in the new format, please contact us at 1-800-247-3368 and a customer service representative will work to provide a response to your questions.

Thank you for your continued interest in Bisco products.

Best Regards,

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