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Dear Valued Customer:

Thank you for your inquiry concerning a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for BIC products.

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Canada Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) has established regulations regarding hazardous chemical communications. These regulations were revised in 2012 and 2015, respectively, to align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). The changes provided a common and coherent approach in classifying chemicals and communicating hazard information on labels and Safety Data Sheets (SDS).

In the U.S., all former MSDS's or Material Safety Data Sheets must be replaced with GHS compliant SDS's by OSHA's imposed deadline date of June 1, 2015. In Canada, the deadline date is June 1, 2018. The SDS requirement applies to hazardous chemicals but does not apply to non-hazardous chemicals or exempted items such as "articles" or "consumer products".

BIC writing instruments, lighters, shavers and correction products are "consumer products" as defined by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) and the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act (CCPSA). As such, BIC products are exempt from SDS requirements when they are manufactured, used or distributed pursuant to OSHA and WHMIS guidelines. As a result, an SDS is not required for consumer products such as BIC writing instruments.

Sincerely,

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