



26 May 2015

Re: Compliance Document: BIC Writing Instruments

Dear Valued Customer:

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has established regulations regarding hazardous chemical communications. OSHA revised the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) in 2012 to align with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). This change will provide a common and coherent approach in classifying chemicals and communicating hazard information on labels and Safety Data Sheets (SDS).

All former MSDS's or Material Safety Data Sheets must be replaced with OSHA GHS compliant SDS's by OSHA's imposed deadline date of June 1, 2015. 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 are "consumer products" as defined by the Consumer Product Safety Act. As such, BIC products are exempt from SDS requirements when they are manufactured, used or distributed pursuant to OSHA guidelines. As a result, an SDS is not required for consumer products such as BIC writing instruments.

Sincerely,

BIC CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joanne Carson".

Joanne Carson

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