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Non-application of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)

Valid for the year 2026

Scope: BIC® Graphite Pencils, Mechanical pencils and Coloring Pencils

The requirements to inform through Material Safety Data Sheets are not applicable to **articles**, in opposition to **substances or mixtures classified as dangerous** according to the European regulation (CE) n° 1272/2008 (CLP). This regulation should ensure a high level of protection of human health and the environment, as well as the free movement of these substances and preparations.
It is important not to confuse it with the different regulations derived from UNO's recommendations which rule the transport of dangerous goods worldwide.

The above-mentioned products are not considered as substances or mixtures but as **articles**, an article being "an object which during production is given a special shape, surface or design which determines its function to a greater degree than does its chemical composition" according to article 3 of the REACH regulation 1907/2006 (CE).

The main function of a graphite pencil, a mechanical pencil or a coloring pencil is to be an instrument whose ergonomic shape allow the user to draw a neat and accurate line.

Therefore, the requirements to inform through Material Safety Data Sheets are not applicable to these products.

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