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Reference:

Roppe Products | MSDS

To Whom It May Concern,

We have made the responsible decision not to publish MSDS sheets for our individual products produced or provided by the Roppe Corporation, with the exception of adhesives. We base this decision on the fact that our products are articles and therefore are not subject to the MSDS requirement as defined within the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Please review the following text for further explanation of our decision, while keeping in mind that we are not the only organization to do this.

According to Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200, An "article" means a manufactured item: (1) which is formed to a specific shape or design during manufacture (2) which has end use function(s) dependent in whole or in part upon its shape or design during end use; and (3) which does not release, or otherwise result in exposure to, a [hazardous chemical](#) under normal conditions of use. Roppe Corporation is in the business of manufacturing floor coverings that are articles. [OSHA](#) requires MSDS's only for materials that (a) meet OSHA's [definition of hazardous](#) and (b) are "known to be present in the workplace in such a manner that employees may be exposed under normal conditions of use or in a foreseeable emergency". Therefore, Roppe is exempt from publishing MSDS for floor coverings.

When it comes to indoor air quality, a primary concern is the emission level of specific volatile organic compounds (VOCs). FloorScore® IAQ Certification means that a flooring product is independently certified by SCS to comply with the volatile organic compound emissions criteria of the California Section 01350 Program. Most Resilient Flooring Products offered by Roppe and their adhesives bear the FloorScore® seal. This seal tells you that the products have been independently certified by SCS to comply with the volatile organic compound emissions criteria of the California Section 01350 standard. Any product that has met these stringent standards is a product that will contribute to good indoor air quality. The FloorScore® certification means healthier, cleaner air, and healthier humans.

NSF/ANSI 332 Sustainability Assessment for Resilient Floor Coverings is the foremost standard by which to evaluate and certify sustainability of Resilient Flooring products across their entire product life cycle. Based on life cycle assessment approach NSF/ANSI 332 employs an easy-to-use point system to evaluate resilient flooring against established prerequisite requirements, performance criteria and quantifiable metrics in six key areas: (1) Product Design, (2) Product Manufacturing, (3) Long-term Value, (4) End-of-Life Management, (5) Corporate Governance, and (6) Innovation.

FloorScore and NSF/ANSI 332 certificates for Roppe products and adhesives are available from the Roppe website. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,



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