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Hello Everyone,

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety has recently made a few improvements and changes to how you can access Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) directly from suppliers.

Maintaining an up-to-date collection of MSDSs is a legislated requirement (OHSA-Regulation 860 R.R.O.1990, Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System), but it can be a time-consuming task to keep updating a binder of hard copies of current MSDSs for every chemical in your lab. By providing online MSDS links for your convenience, we can make almost all MSDSs easily available to the University community, saving time for laboratory staff and ensuring compliance.

In order to facilitate compliance and to provide easy access to information we have provided a list of links which can be easily utilized to search for MSDSs and which will allow for quick and easy upload of files to your desktop. Below please find a series of links for your convenience to facilitate your MSDS search; this is not an exhaustive list. Please be aware that if you prefer to maintain a paper repository of MSDSs, you may continue to do so.

The following are considerations which must be met by the supervisor (as applicable) in order to ensure that the provision of MSDSs through a computer terminal is in compliance.

- a) takes all reasonable steps to keep the computer terminal in working order;
- b) provides a paper copy of the MSDS if requested by an employee; and
- c) provides training on how to access computer-stored data sheets, to all workers working with or in proximity to controlled products, and to members of the joint health and safety committee or a health and safety representative [section 38 (5) of the Act].”

Please note that Pathogen Safety Data Sheets (PSDSs) (previously titled Material Safety Data Sheets for infectious substances) are technical documents that describe the hazardous properties of a human pathogen and recommendations for work involving these agents in a laboratory setting. For more information please visit.

<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/lab-bio/res/psds-ftss/index-eng.php>

Finally, please note that in the event of an emergency involving any hazardous agent, in particular, if you require healthcare attention, please ensure you bring copies of the applicable MSDS with you in order to facilitate assessment and treatment.

If you have any questions please contact the Office of Environmental Health and Safety at:
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MSDS Useful Links:

[SIGMA](#)

[VWR](#)

[Cedarlane](#)

[Fisher Scientific](#)

[ThermoScientific](#)

[Canadian Centre for Occupational Health & Safety Resource](#)

[Interactive Learning Paradigms Inc.](#)

[MSDS-Search](#)

[University of Vermont: SIRI Searchable Database](#)

[ImageWave EHS Enterprise Software Solutions](#)

* Please note that a Google search of the product name and supplier will send you the applicable pages in order to access the most up to date MSDS