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Subject: **Article Exemption**
Product: **High Performance Composite Link V-Belts**
PowerTwist Plus®, NuTLink®, SuperTLink®, PowerTwist® Roller
Drive™, PowerTwist® Double-V, PowerTwist® Friction Top™,
PowerTwist® Bridge Top™, PowerTwist® Cushion Top®, PowerTwist®
Ground Round®, Black PowerTwist®

You have requested a Material Safety Data Sheet for one of the above listed products. These products have been evaluated against OSHA HAZCOM and Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) requirements to determine if they meet the definition of “article” and “manufactured article”.

The definition of an “article” and “manufactured article” are essentially equivalent. These two terms may be described as “a manufactured item other than a fluid or particle: (i) which is formed to a specific shape or design during manufacture; (ii) which has end use function(s) dependent in whole or in part upon its shape or design during end use; and (iii) which under normal conditions of use does not release more than very small quantities (e.g., minute or trace amounts) of a hazardous chemical and does not pose a physical hazard or a health risk to employees. WHMIS uses the phrase “controlled substance” in lieu of “hazardous chemical”.

These belting materials are made from textiles and polyurethane that is fully reacted during the manufacturing process. Under normal use, as with all belting product, the belt will abrade causing fine plastic particles to build-up around the fan unit. The build up of these particles should be addressed by the maintenance crew as a housekeeping issue. Testing indicates there is no detectable out-gassing of hazardous vapors from the dust generated by the belts. Testing also indicates that total particulates in the air are below the detection limit of the respective analytical methods. The only time that Fenner Drives would foresee any hazardous materials being released from these belts would be during thermal processing, mechanical processing or thermal decomposition. These belts are not sold or intended to be used for these purposes. In accordance with OSHA’s HAZCOM criteria and WHMIS requirements, these products are considered “articles” and “manufactured articles”; therefore, a Material Safety Data Sheet is not required.

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