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## **Technical Support Answers--A series for the Ansell Community**

**Q. Why doesn't Ansell provide safety data sheets for its protective clothing?**

**A.** Gloves and other protective clothing made by Ansell Protective Products fall under the manufactured article exemption of the Hazard Communications Regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR 1910.1200). Thus formal safety data sheets are not required for them.

However, we do support our products with extensive technical service, including advice on handling and other aspects of their use. We try to provide as much information as possible in our catalog and other product literature, and guarantee that it is accurate. For example, when our catalog says that a glove is made with no natural rubber latex, we stand fully behind that statement.

On the other hand, we do not specify a maximum use temperature for any of our gloves, nor do we guarantee any other claims about appropriate end-use conditions. (The conservative temperature rating for Crusader-Flex is a rare exception to this rule.) Our customers' application conditions vary too much for us to be able to make any exact claims.

Even minor improvements in our products are carefully checked to be sure that they are still consistent with the catalog description. For example, before we make any chemical changes in gloves made with FDA-accepted materials we make sure that the new composition complies with the regulations for food contact applications.

Beyond the product descriptions in the catalog, we cannot provide comprehensive, detailed data on the chemical composition of our products because much of that information is proprietary. However, if you have any general questions on the composition and use of our products that are not answered by the catalog descriptions or by our Customer Service staff, please feel free to call, fax, or email your inquiry to our Technical Support Group at one of the numbers above.

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