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ADDENDA

ANSI/ASHRAE Addendum i to ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 34-2019

Designation and Safety Classification of Refrigerants

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FOREWORD

Addendum i removes the requirement for refrigerant applications to include material data safety sheets.

Note: In this addendum, changes to the current standard are indicated in the text by <u>underlining</u> (for additions) and <u>strikethrough</u> (for deletions) unless the instructions specifically mention some other means of indicating the changes.

Addendum i to Standard 34-2019

Modify Section 3.2 as shown.

3.2 Acronyms, Abbreviations, and Initialisms

[...]

LFL lower flammability limit
LOEL lowest observed effect level

MSDS material data safety sheet

NOEL no-observed-effect level

OEL occupational exposure limit

[...]

Modify Section 9.6 as shown.

9.6 Toxicity Information. Applications shall include the data identified in Sections 9.6.1, 9.6.2, and 9.6.3. The sources for these data shall be identified, and the applicant shall provide copies if requested by the committee. The identified sources shall describe the test methods, specimens, and materials used and also document clinical observations and the test results. The documentation must indicate the extent of compliance with good laboratory practices (GLP) regulations in accordance with Reference 13, 14, 15, or 16 or earlier editions of these references in effect at the time when the studies were conducted. Data from peer-reviewed publications, including journal articles, reports, and assessments, also are allowed. Material sSafety data sheets (MSDSs), hygiene standard sheets, manufacturers' product literature, and databases are not acceptable as sources for toxicity information for this section.

Delete Section 9.6.3.

9.6.3 Material Safety Data Sheet. Applications for single compound refrigerants shall include an MSDS, or information consistent therewith, as an appendix. Applications for blends shall include MSDSs for the blend as formulated and for each component of the blend as appendices.

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