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CONTROL OF SUBSTANCES HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH (COSHH) ASSESSMENT SHEET

PRODUCT NAME	NAILS
COMPOSITION	ZINC COATED NAILS (GALVANISED)
LOCATION OF USE	ALL TYPES OF BUILDING APPLICATIONS WHERE NAILS ARE EXPOSED TO MOISTURE
HARMFUL SUBSTANCES	WHEN SUBJECTED TO ELEVATED TEMPERATURES, FUMES ARE PRODUCED CONTAINING OXIDES OF IRON AND ZINC. THE PRINCIPLE MODE OF ENTRY INTO THE BODY IS BY INHALATION, AND THE POTENTIAL EFFECTS ON HEALTH INCLUDE METAL FUME FEVER (A SHORT DURATION CONDITION WITH SYMPTOMS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF INFLUENZA)
RISK	RISK OF LACERATION TO SKIN (NEVER HOLD NAILS IN MOUTH) HANDLE WITH CARE AS FOR HANDLING SHARP OBJECTS
PERSONAL PROTECTION	GLOVES, & EYE PROTECTION RECOMMENDED TO PREVENT LACERATION & CONTAMINATION OF SKIN
VENTILATION	NONE REQUIRED IN GENERAL USE (HIGH LEVELS OF FUME/DUST FROM THE GALVANISING PROCESS WILL REQUIRE VENTILATION)
STORAGE	BOXES SHOULD BE STORED IN A DRY LOCATION
FIRST AID PROCEDURE	ANY LACERATIONS SHOULD BE CLEANED AND STERILE DRESSING APPLIED
FIRE PRECAUTIONS	NON COMBUSTIBLE
HANDLING	TRADITIONAL NAIL BOXES CARRY 25 KILOS, WHICH IS IN EXCESS OF RECENT RECOMMENDATION ON MAXIMUM PACKING WEIGHTS. THEY SHOULD THEREFORE BE LIFTED AND CARRIED WITH CARE TAKING THIS INTO ACCOUNT. GLOVES ARE RECOMMENDED AND IT IS NOT ADVISABLE TO USE THE STRAPPING WHEN LIFTING THE CARTON.