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Re: ArcelorMittal USA Material Safety Data Sheets,
Section 313 of Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know”, and
Cautionary Notes about Removal of Straps/Bands from Steel Coils.

Below, please find the following link to access the most recent ArcelorMittal USA Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for the products you purchase from ArcelorMittal. In keeping with ArcelorMittal’s environmental commitment to “Go Green” paper copies will be supplied only when requested. The information contained in the MSDS and its distribution are the principal means of achieving an effective Hazard Communication Program and satisfying the Hazard Communication Standard, 29CFR 1910.1200 and the “Right-to-Know” Laws, Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, which can be found in the Federal Regulations at 40 CFR Part 372.

These sheets reflect the name change of our products to ArcelorMittal, not a change to the hazard data. ArcelorMittal MSDSs can be viewed online at:

<http://www.arcelormittal.com/environment/us/datasheets.html>

Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act and 40 CFR Part 372 requires us to inform you that a product or products you purchase may contain one or more regulated chemicals. This information may be needed if you are required to estimate releases of applicable regulated chemicals.

Our MSDSs reflect the result of the hazard evaluation process and should only be utilized for health and safety training or compliance with “Right-to-Know” Laws, not for product specification purposes. Specific product information can be obtained through the ArcelorMittal Sales Office.

Please note if you repackage or otherwise redistribute this product to other industrial customers, a notice similar to this one must be forwarded to those customers.

Paper copies of any ArcelorMittal product will be available by either contacting 219-391-3900 or email at: msdssupport@arcelormittal.com.

CAUTIONARY NOTE ABOUT REMOVAL OF STRAPS FROM STEEL COILS

Keeping with a safety theme, we also want to remind our valued customers of the hazards associated with the removal of straps or bands from steel coils.

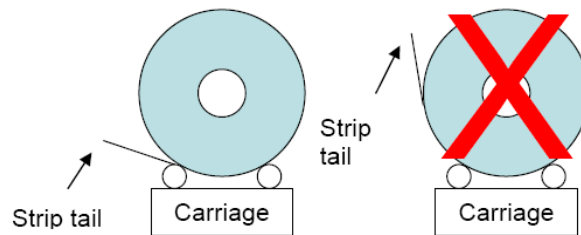
All steel coils have the potential for elastic ‘springback’ – the tendency of the coil to unravel in order to relieve internal stresses, resulting in a sudden increase in coil diameter. Springback presents a significant safety hazard to anyone positioned near the coil.

The removal of strapping or bands from steel coils (full coils or slit cuts) is a potentially dangerous operation. Appropriate measures must be taken to ensure the personal safety of staff engaged in this specific operation. This includes, but is not limited to:

Appropriate positioning while removing straps; Use of appropriate strap removal tools or equipment; Wearing of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE); Appropriate procedures for strap removal.

Precautions are also necessary when slit coils/cuts are packaged together, or unitized. Although the individual slit cuts may be correctly banded, the group of cuts may become unstable and topple when the unitizing straps are cut or removed.

The potential for elastic springback increases with increased strip thickness, increased yield strength, and decreased coil outside diameter. The best means of preventing elastic springback is to place the coil end as low as possible under the coil – where the coil end is fully retained by the weight of the coil.



Thank you for your continued business and commitment to improving the environment.