Material Safety Data Sheet Exemption

A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is designed to provide both workers and emergency personnel with the proper procedures for handling or working with a particular substance. MSDS’s include information such as physical data (melting point, boiling point, flash point etc.), toxicity, health’ effects, first aid, reactivity, storage, disposal, protective equipment, and spill/leak procedures. These are of particular use if a spill or other accident occurs.

OSHA’s (Occupational Safety & Health Administration - U.S. Department of Labor) mission is to assure the safety and health of America’s workers by setting and enforcing standards, providing training, outreach and education, establishing partnerships, and encouraging continual improvement in workplace safety and health.

OSHA requires MSDS’s ONLY for materials that
a) meet OSHA’s definition of hazardous;
b) are “known to be present in the workplace in such a manner that employees may be exposed under normal conditions of use or in a foreseeable emergency”.

The section 1910.1200 (b)(6)(v) of OSHA Regulations (Standards - 29 CFR) - Hazard Communication - does not apply to those items defined as “Articles”, as that term is defined in paragraph 1910.1200 (c):
   “Article” means 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;
   (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 health risk to employees.

All Kronos Ceramiche porcelain tiles and glass tiles meet the definition of “Article”, so they are exempt from the requirements of the OSHA Regulations Standard. Moreover they do not represent any kind of chemical or physical hazard or health risk to employees.

It can be stated that all Kronos Ceramiche porcelain tiles and glass tiles are not deemed to be hazardous products: so they do not require a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS).