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Material Safety Data Sheet

Methylcellulose MSDS

Section 1: Chemical Product and Company Identification

Product Name: Methylcellulose

Catalog Codes: 10944,10946

CAS#: 9004-67-5

RTECS: FJ5959000

TSCA: TSCA 8(b) inventory: Methylcellulose

CI#: Not available.

Synonym: Celacol, Cellapret, Cellogran, Cellothyl, Cellumeth, Cethylose, Cethytin, Methocel, Mellose, Mapolose, Metolose, Tylose, Rhomellose, Syncelose, Viscol, Viscontran, Viscosol; Cellulose methyl; Cellulose methylate; Modified Cellulose; MC

Chemical Name: Cellulose, Methyl Ether

Chemical Formula: Not available.

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Section 2: Composition and Information on Ingredients

Composition:

Name	CAS #	% by Weight
Methylcellulose	9004-67-5	100

Toxicological Data on Ingredients: Not applicable.

Section 3: Hazards Identification

Potential Acute Health Effects: Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of eye contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.

Potential Chronic Health Effects:

CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Classified 4 (No evidence.) by NTP, None. by OSHA, None. by NIOSH. **MUTAGENIC EFFECTS:** Not available. **TERATOGENIC EFFECTS:** Not available. **DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY:** Not available. Repeated or prolonged exposure is not known to aggravate medical condition.

Section 4: First Aid Measures

Eye Contact:

Check for and remove any contact lenses. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.

Skin Contact: Wash with soap and water. Cover the irritated skin with an emollient. Get medical attention if irritation develops.

Serious Skin Contact: Not available.

Inhalation:

If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

Serious Inhalation: Not available.

Ingestion:

Do NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband. Get medical attention if symptoms appear.

Serious Ingestion: Not available.

Section 5: Fire and Explosion Data

Flammability of the Product: May be combustible at high temperature.

Auto-Ignition Temperature: Not available.

Flash Points: Not available.

Flammable Limits: Not available.

Products of Combustion: Not available.

Fire Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:

Slightly flammable to flammable in presence of heat. Non-flammable in presence of shocks.

Explosion Hazards in Presence of Various Substances:

Slightly explosive in presence of open flames and sparks. Non-explosive in presence of shocks.

Fire Fighting Media and Instructions:

SMALL FIRE: Use DRY chemical powder. LARGE FIRE: Use water spray, fog or foam. Do not use water jet.

Special Remarks on Fire Hazards:

When heated to decomposition it emits acrid smoke and irritating fumes. As with most organic solids, fire is possible at elevated temperatures

Special Remarks on Explosion Hazards:

Fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations, and in the presences of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.

Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

Small Spill:

Avoid dust formation. Spilled material may cause a slipping hazard. Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and dispose of according to local and regional authority requirements.

Large Spill:

Ventilate area. Avoid dust formation. Spilled material may cause a slipping hazard. Clean up spills immediately. Use a shovel to put the material into a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and allow to evacuate through the sanitary system. Be careful that the product is not present at a concentration level above TLV. Check TLV on the MSDS and with local authorities.

Section 7: Handling and Storage

Precautions:

Good housekeeping and controlling of dusts are necessary for safe handling of product. Keep away from heat. Keep away from sources of ignition. Empty containers pose a fire risk, evaporate the residue under a fume hood. Ground all equipment containing material. Do not ingest. Do not breathe dust. If ingested, seek medical advice immediately and show the container or the label. Keep away from incompatibles such as oxidizing agents, acids, alkalis.

Storage:

Keep container tightly closed. Keep container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Do not store above 32 deg. C (90 deg. F).

Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

Engineering Controls:

Use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to keep airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If user operations generate dust, fume or mist, use ventilation to keep exposure to airborne contaminants below the exposure limit.

Personal Protection: Safety glasses. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Gloves.

Personal Protection in Case of a Large Spill:

Splash goggles. Full suit. Dust respirator. Boots. Gloves. A self contained breathing apparatus should be used to avoid inhalation of the product. Suggested protective clothing might not be sufficient; consult a specialist BEFORE handling this product.

Exposure Limits:

Exposure Guidelines for Nuisance Dust (Particulates Not Otherwise Specified): TWA: 5 (mg/m³) from OSHA (PEL) [United States] Respirable. TWA: 15 (mg/m³) from OSHA (PEL) [United States] Total. TWA: 10 (mg/m³) from ACGIH (TLV) [United States] Consult local authorities for acceptable exposure limits.

Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Physical state and appearance: Solid. (Granular solid. Powdered solid.)

Odor: Odorless.

Taste: Tasteless.

Molecular Weight: Not available.

Color: Grayish white. White. Off-white.

pH (1% soln/water): 7 [Neutral.]

Boiling Point: Not available.

Melting Point: 290°C (554°F) - 305 C

Critical Temperature: Not available.

Specific Gravity: Not available.

Vapor Pressure: Not applicable.

Vapor Density: Not available.

Volatility: Not available.

Odor Threshold: Not available.

Water/Oil Dist. Coeff.: Not available.

Ionicity (in Water): Not available.

Dispersion Properties: Not available.

Solubility:

Soluble in cold water. Insoluble in hot water, diethyl ether. Insoluble in alcohol, chloroform, and in water warmer than 50.5 deg. C., most organic solvents, and saturated salt solution. Soluble in glacial acetic acid

Section 10: Stability and Reactivity Data

Stability: The product is stable.

Instability Temperature: Not available.

Conditions of Instability: Excess heat, ignition sources, dust generation, incompatible materials

Incompatibility with various substances: Reactive with oxidizing agents, acids, alkalis.

Corrosivity: Not available.

Special Remarks on Reactivity: Not available.

Special Remarks on Corrosivity: Not available.

Polymerization: Will not occur.

Section 11: Toxicological Information

Routes of Entry: Inhalation. Ingestion.

Toxicity to Animals: Acute oral toxicity (LD50): >10000 mg/kg [Rat].

Chronic Effects on Humans: CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: Classified 4 (No evidence.) by NTP, None. by OSHA, None. by NIOSH.

Other Toxic Effects on Humans: Slightly hazardous in case of skin contact (irritant), of ingestion, of inhalation.

Special Remarks on Toxicity to Animals: Not available.

Special Remarks on Chronic Effects on Humans: Not available.

Special Remarks on other Toxic Effects on Humans:

Acute Potential Health Effects: Skin: Low hazard for usual industrial handling. Essentially non-irritating to the skin. May cause skin irritation by mechanical abrasion. Eyes: Low hazard for usual industrial handling. Essentially non-irritating to eyes. Dust may cause eye irritation due to mechanical action. Inhalation: Low hazard for usual industrial handling. Dust may cause respiratory tract irritation. No adverse effects are anticipated from single exposure to dust. Ingestion: Low hazard for usual industrial handling. Very low toxicity if swallowed. No harmful are anticipated from swallowing small amounts. Reported human effects from ingestion: Laxative and constipating effects from ingestion of 1 gram or more.

Section 12: Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity: Not available.

BOD5 and COD: Not available.

Products of Biodegradation:

Possibly hazardous short term degradation products are not likely. However, long term degradation products may arise.

Toxicity of the Products of Biodegradation: Not available.

Special Remarks on the Products of Biodegradation: Not available.

Section 13: Disposal Considerations

Waste Disposal:

Handling, transportation, and disposal of material should be conducted in a manner to prevent a nuisance dust hazard. Fully containerize the material before handling, and protect from exposure to the outdoors. Do not dump into sewers, on the ground or soil, or into any body of water. Waste must be disposed of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental control regulations.

Section 14: Transport Information

DOT Classification: Not a DOT controlled material (United States).

Identification: Not applicable.

Special Provisions for Transport: Not applicable.

Section 15: Other Regulatory Information

Federal and State Regulations: TSCA 8(b) inventory: Methylcellulose

Other Regulations: Not available.

Other Classifications:

WHMIS (Canada): Not controlled under WHMIS (Canada).

DSCL (EEC):

This product is not classified according to the EU regulations. Not applicable.

HMIS (U.S.A.):

Health Hazard: 1

Fire Hazard: 1

Reactivity: 0

Personal Protection: E

National Fire Protection Association (U.S.A.):

Health: 1

Flammability: 1

Reactivity: 0

Specific hazard:

Protective Equipment:

Gloves. Lab coat. Dust respirator. Be sure to use an approved/certified respirator or equivalent. Safety glasses.

Section 16: Other Information

References: Not available.

Other Special Considerations: Not available.

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