



# Material Safety Data Sheet

The Dow Chemical Company

**Product Name:** CELLOSIZE (TM) HYDROXYETHYL CELLULOSE  
QP-09-H

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The Dow Chemical Company encourages and expects you to read and understand the entire (M)SDS, as there is important information throughout the document. We expect you to follow the precautions identified in this document unless your use conditions would necessitate other appropriate methods or actions.

## 1. Product and Company Identification

### Product Name

CELLOSIZE (TM) HYDROXYETHYL CELLULOSE QP-09-H

### COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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### EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER

**24-Hour Emergency Contact:**

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**Local Emergency Contact:**

989-636-4400

## 2. Hazards Identification

### Emergency Overview

**Color:** White

**Physical State:** Powder

**Odor:** Mild

**Hazards of product:**

CAUTION! May cause eye irritation. May form explosive dust-air mixture. Slipping hazard. Avoid temperatures above 200°C (392°F)

### OSHA Hazard Communication Standard

This product is not a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

### Potential Health Effects

**Eye Contact:** May cause slight eye irritation. Solid or dust may cause irritation or corneal injury due to mechanical action.

**Skin Contact:** Prolonged exposure not likely to cause significant skin irritation. Repeated contact may cause slight skin irritation with local redness.

**Skin Absorption:** Prolonged skin contact is unlikely to result in absorption of harmful amounts.

**Inhalation:** Dust may cause irritation to upper respiratory tract (nose and throat).

**Ingestion:** Very low toxicity if swallowed. Swallowing may result in gastrointestinal irritation.

### 3. Composition Information

Component	CAS #	Amount
Hydroxyethyl cellulose	9004-62-0	>= 86.0 %
Sodium acetate	127-09-3	<= 7.5 %
Water	7732-18-5	<= 5.0 %
Cellulose	9004-34-6	<= 1.5 %

### 4. First-aid measures

**Eye Contact:** Flush eyes thoroughly with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses after the initial 1-2 minutes and continue flushing for several additional minutes. If effects occur, consult a physician, preferably an ophthalmologist. May cause injury due to mechanical action.

**Skin Contact:** Wash skin with plenty of water.

**Inhalation:** Move person to fresh air; if effects occur, consult a physician.

**Ingestion:** If swallowed, seek medical attention. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel.

**Notes to Physician:** No specific antidote. Treatment of exposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient.

**Emergency Personnel Protection:** If potential for exposure exists refer to Section 8 for specific personal protective equipment.

### 5. Fire Fighting Measures

**Extinguishing Media:** Water. Dry chemical fire extinguishers. Carbon dioxide fire extinguishers.

**Fire Fighting Procedures:** Keep people away. Isolate fire and deny unnecessary entry. Soak thoroughly with water to cool and prevent re-ignition. Cool surroundings with water to localize fire zone. Hand held dry chemical or carbon dioxide extinguishers may be used for small fires. Dust explosion hazard may result from forceful application of fire extinguishing agents.

**Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters:** Wear positive-pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and protective fire fighting clothing (includes fire fighting helmet, coat, trousers, boots, and gloves). If protective equipment is not available or not used, fight fire from a protected location or safe distance.

**Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:** Do not permit dust to accumulate. When suspended in air dust can pose an explosion hazard. Minimize ignition sources. If dust layers are exposed to elevated temperatures, spontaneous combustion may occur. Pneumatic conveying and other mechanical handling operations can generate combustible dust. To reduce the potential for dust explosions, electrically bond and ground equipment and do not permit dust to accumulate. Dust can be ignited by static discharge.

**Hazardous Combustion Products:** During a fire, smoke may contain the original material in addition to combustion products of varying composition which may be toxic and/or irritating. Combustion products may include and are not limited to: Carbon monoxide. Carbon dioxide.

## 6. Accidental Release Measures

**Steps to be Taken if Material is Released or Spilled:** Sweep up. Use care to minimize generation of airborne dust. Do not use water for cleanup. Collect in suitable and properly labeled containers. See Section 13, Disposal Considerations, for additional information.

**Personal Precautions:** Material becomes slippery when wet. Use appropriate safety equipment. For additional information, refer to Section 8, Exposure Controls and Personal Protection.

**Environmental Precautions:** Prevent from entering into soil, ditches, sewers, waterways and/or groundwater. See Section 12, Ecological Information.

## 7. Handling and Storage

### Handling

**General Handling:** Avoid contact with eyes. Wash thoroughly after handling. Good housekeeping and controlling of dusts are necessary for safe handling of product. No smoking, open flames or sources of ignition in handling and storage area. Electrically bond and ground all containers, personnel and equipment before transfer or use of material. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Powdered material may form explosive dust-air mixture. Keep container closed. See Section 8, EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION.

### Storage

Store in a dry place. Protect from atmospheric moisture.

**Shelf life:** Use within 36 Months

## 8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

### Exposure Limits

Component	List	Type	Value
Cellulose	ACGIH	TWA	10 mg/m3
	OSHA Table Z-1	PEL Respirable fraction.	5 mg/m3
	OSHA Table Z-1	PEL Total dust.	15 mg/m3

### Personal Protection

**Eye/Face Protection:** Use safety glasses (with side shields). If there is a potential for exposure to particles which could cause eye discomfort, wear chemical goggles.

**Skin Protection:** Wear clean, body-covering clothing.

**Hand protection:** Use gloves chemically resistant to this material when prolonged or frequently repeated contact could occur. Examples of preferred glove barrier materials include: Neoprene. Nitrile/butadiene rubber ("nitrile" or "NBR"). Polyvinyl chloride ("PVC" or "vinyl"). NOTICE: The selection of a specific glove for a particular application and duration of use in a workplace should also take into account all relevant workplace factors such as, but not limited to: Other chemicals which may be handled, physical requirements (cut/puncture protection, dexterity, thermal protection), potential body reactions to glove materials, as well as the instructions/specifications provided by the glove supplier.

**Respiratory Protection:** Respiratory protection should be worn when there is a potential to exceed the exposure limit requirements or guidelines. If there are no applicable exposure limit requirements or guidelines, wear respiratory protection when adverse effects, such as respiratory irritation or discomfort have been experienced, or where indicated by your risk assessment process. In dusty or misty atmospheres, use an approved particulate respirator. The following should be effective types of air-purifying respirators: Particulate filter.

**Ingestion:** Use good personal hygiene. Do not consume or store food in the work area. Wash hands before smoking or eating.

### Engineering Controls

**Ventilation:** Use local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below exposure limit requirements or guidelines. If there are no applicable exposure limit requirements or guidelines, general ventilation should be sufficient for most operations. Local exhaust ventilation may be necessary for some operations.

## 9. Physical and Chemical Properties

<b>Physical State</b>	Powder
<b>Color</b>	White
<b>Odor</b>	Mild
<b>Flash Point - Closed Cup</b>	No test data available
<b>Flammable Limits In Air</b>	<b>Lower:</b> No test data available <b>Upper:</b> No test data available
<b>Autoignition Temperature</b>	> 400 °C (> 752 °F) <i>Literature</i>
<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	Not applicable
<b>Boiling Point (760 mmHg)</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Vapor Density (air = 1)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Specific Gravity (H2O = 1)</b>	0.4 - 0.6 <i>Literature</i>
<b>Freezing Point</b>	Not applicable
<b>Melting Point</b>	No test data available
<b>Solubility in water (by weight)</b>	completely miscible with water
<b>pH</b>	6.0 - 7.0 <i>Literature</i>
<b>Decomposition Temperature</b>	No test data available
<b>Partition coefficient, n-octanol/water (log Pow)</b>	No data available for this product.

## 10. Stability and Reactivity

### Stability/Instability

Thermally stable at typical use temperatures. Hygroscopic.

**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid temperatures above 200°C (392°F) Exposure to elevated temperatures can cause product to decompose. Avoid static discharge. Avoid moisture.

**Incompatible Materials:** Avoid contact with oxidizing materials.

### Hazardous Polymerization

Will not occur.

### Thermal Decomposition

Decomposition products depend upon temperature, air supply and the presence of other materials.

## 11. Toxicological Information

### Acute Toxicity

#### Ingestion

Single dose oral LD50 has not been determined.

For the major component(s): Estimated. LD50, Rat > 8,700 mg/kg

#### Skin Absorption

The dermal LD50 has not been determined.

**Sensitization**

**Skin**

For the major component(s): Did not cause allergic skin reactions when tested in humans.

**Repeated Dose Toxicity**

Based on available data, repeated exposures are not anticipated to cause significant adverse effects.

**Chronic Toxicity and Carcinogenicity**

Similar cellulose derivatives did not cause cancer in long-term animal studies.

**Developmental Toxicity**

Similar cellulose derivatives did not cause birth defects or other toxic effects to the fetus in laboratory animal studies.

**Reproductive Toxicity**

In animal studies, a similar cellulose derivative has been shown not to interfere with reproduction.

**Genetic Toxicology**

Similar cellulose derivatives were negative in both in vitro and animal genetic toxicity studies.

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## 12. Ecological Information

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### ENVIRONMENTAL FATE

**Movement & Partitioning**

Based largely or completely on component information. Bioconcentration potential is low (BCF less than 100 or log Pow greater than 7). For the major component(s): Expected to be relatively immobile in soil (Koc > 5000). For the minor component(s) Potential for mobility in soil is very high (Koc between 0 and 50).

**Persistence and Degradability**

For the major component(s): No appreciable biodegradation is expected. For the minor component(s) Material is readily biodegradable. Passes OECD test(s) for ready biodegradability.

**ECOTOXICITY**

For the major component(s): Not expected to be acutely toxic to aquatic organisms. For the minor component(s): Material is practically non-toxic to aquatic organisms on an acute basis (LC50/EC50/EL50/LL50 >100 mg/L in the most sensitive species tested).

**Toxicity to Micro-organisms**

IC50; bacteria, 16 h: > 1,000 mg/l

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## 13. Disposal Considerations

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DO NOT DUMP INTO ANY SEWERS, ON THE GROUND, OR INTO ANY BODY OF WATER. All disposal practices must be in compliance with all Federal, State/Provincial and local laws and regulations. Regulations may vary in different locations. Waste characterizations and compliance with applicable laws are the responsibility solely of the waste generator. AS YOUR SUPPLIER, WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER THE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES OR MANUFACTURING PROCESSES OF PARTIES HANDLING OR USING THIS MATERIAL. THE INFORMATION PRESENTED HERE PERTAINS ONLY TO THE PRODUCT AS SHIPPED IN ITS INTENDED CONDITION AS DESCRIBED IN MSDS SECTION: Composition Information. FOR UNUSED & UNCONTAMINATED PRODUCT, the preferred options include sending to a licensed, permitted: Landfill.

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## 14. Transport Information

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**DOT Non-Bulk**

NOT REGULATED

**DOT Bulk**

|| NOT REGULATED

**IMDG**

|| NOT REGULATED

**ICAO/IATA**

|| NOT REGULATED

*This information is not intended to convey all specific regulatory or operational requirements/information relating to this product. Additional transportation system information can be obtained through an authorized sales or customer service representative. It is the responsibility of the transporting organization to follow all applicable laws, regulations and rules relating to the transportation of the material.*

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<b>15. Regulatory Information</b>
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**OSHA Hazard Communication Standard**

This product is not a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

**Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 Title III (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986) Sections 311 and 312**

Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard No

Delayed (Chronic) Health Hazard No

Fire Hazard No

Reactive Hazard No

Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard No

**Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 Title III (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986) Section 313**

To the best of our knowledge, this product does not contain chemicals at levels which require reporting under this statute.

**Pennsylvania (Worker and Community Right-To-Know Act): Pennsylvania Hazardous Substances List and/or Pennsylvania Environmental Hazardous Substance List:**

The following product components are cited in the Pennsylvania Hazardous Substance List and/or the Pennsylvania Environmental Substance List, and are present at levels which require reporting.

<b>Component</b>	<b>CAS #</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Cellulose	9004-34-6	<= 1.5 %

**Pennsylvania (Worker and Community Right-To-Know Act): Pennsylvania Special Hazardous Substances List:**

To the best of our knowledge, this product does not contain chemicals at levels which require reporting under this statute.

**California Proposition 65 (Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986)**

This product contains no listed substances known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm, at levels which would require a warning under the statute.

**US. Toxic Substances Control Act**

All components of this product are on the TSCA Inventory or are exempt from TSCA Inventory requirements under 40 CFR 720.30

**CEPA - Domestic Substances List (DSL)**

All substances contained in this product are listed on the Canadian Domestic Substances List (DSL) or are not required to be listed.

## 16. Other Information

### Product Literature

Additional information on this and other Dow products may be obtained by visiting our web page at [www.dow.com](http://www.dow.com).

### Recommended Uses and Restrictions

Thickener. Film former. Stabiliser. Protective colloid. Binder. We recommend that you use this product in a manner consistent with the listed use. If your intended use is not consistent with the stated use, please contact your sales or technical service representative.

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### Legend

N/A	Not available
W/W	Weight/Weight
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
STEL	Short Term Exposure Limit
TWA	Time Weighted Average
ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, Inc.
DOW IHG	Dow Industrial Hygiene Guideline
WEEL	Workplace Environmental Exposure Level
HAZ_DES	Hazard Designation
Action Level	A value set by OSHA that is lower than the PEL which will trigger the need for activities such as exposure monitoring and medical surveillance if exceeded.

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