CELLOSIZE™ HEC QP-4400H Europe PCG Thickener

Nonionic, bio-based and biodegradable water-soluble rheology modifiers that can thicken, suspend, emulsify and enhance the sensory experience for hair and skin care applications.

INCI NAME: Hydroxyethyl Cellulose

Features & Benefits

- 60% bio-based carbon weight
- Non-GMO wood PECF certified
- Easy to handle powder form
- Highly efficient thickener
- Compatible with a wide range of surfactants
- Excellent salt / electrolytes tolerance
- Improve emulsion stability
- High degree of solution clarity
- Inherent, primary biodegradability

Applications

Areas of potential use for CELLOSIZE™ HEC QP-4400H Europe PCG Thickener encompass a wide range of cosmetic and toiletry applications such as:

- Hair care
- Skin care
- Color cosmetics

Typical Properties

Specification Writers: These values are not intended for use in preparing specifications.

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<td>Appearance</td>
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<td>White to off-white powder</td>
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<td>Brookfield Viscosity (25°C) - 2% in Water</td>
<td>mPa.s</td>
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<td>Refractive Index (20°C)</td>
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<td>Bulk Density</td>
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<td>Particle Size Distribution (US #20 Mesh: 841 µm)</td>
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**Formulating Tips**

Agitation of solutions at a pH 7.0 or lower is recommended to make initial dispersion of CELLOSIZE™ HEC QP-4400H Europe PCG Thickener in water. After the CELLOSIZE™ HEC QP-4400H Europe PCG Thickener is well dispersed, subsequent pH increase and temperature increase can be used to speed up hydration and dissolution if required. Once hydrated CELLOSIZE™ HEC QP-4400H Europe PCG Thickener can be used in personal care formulations that can have a pH within the range pH 3–10.

**Graph 1:** pH effect on CELLOSIZE™ HEC Thickener hydration time

**Graph 2:** Temperature effect on CELLOSIZE™ HEC Thickener hydration / dissolution time

**Compatibility**

The nonionic structure of CELLOSIZE™ HEC QP-4400H Europe PCG Thickener offers good compatibility with surfactants and other formulation ingredients like inorganics salts, gums, resins.
Handling Precautions

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Usable Life and Storage

CELLOSIZE™ HEC QP-4400H Europe PCG Thickener is a water-soluble solid that is normally supplied as a powder in multi-ply papers bags. Moisture and heat can cause CELLOSIZE™ HEC QP-4400H Europe PCG Thickener to form lumps, so bags should be stored in a dry location at a temperature less than 40°C.

Good housekeeping should be used when handling CELLOSIZE™ HEC QP-4400H Europe PCG Thickener to reduce the risk of slipping hazards. If CELLOSIZE™ HEC QP-4400H Europe PCG Thickener is spilled, as much as possible should be swept before it becomes wet. Washing with water, solvents, or most cleaning products will probably not be effective and may increase the slipping hazard. High pressure water blasting can be used to remove buildup of material.

Limitations

This product is neither tested nor represented as suitable for medical or pharmaceutical uses.

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Dispose in accordance with all local, state (provincial) and federal regulations. Empty containers may contain hazardous residues. This material and its container must be disposed in a safe and legal manner.

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