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29 CFR 1910.1200 (OSHA HazCom 2012)

SECTION 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION**Product identifier**

Trade name : Benecel™ A4M
Methylcellulose
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various countries

Substance name METHYLCELLULOSE

Substance No.

Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Recommended use : Rheology modifier
Pharmaceutical

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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Columbus, OH 43216
United States of America (USA)
1-614-790-3333

EHSPProductSafety@ashland.com

Emergency telephone number

1-800-ASHLAND (1-800-274-5263)

Regulatory information

1-614-790-3333 (customer service)

Product Information

1-614-790-3333

SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**GHS Classification**

Combustible Dust :

GHS label elements

Signal Word : Warning

Hazard Statements : May form combustible dust concentrations in air.

Precautionary Statements : **Prevention:**

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Keep dust/air mixtures away from ignition sources.

Other hazards

None known.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Substance

Chemical nature : organic

Hazardous components

No hazardous ingredients

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice : No hazards which require special first aid measures.

If inhaled : If breathed in, move person into fresh air.
If unconscious, place in recovery position and seek medical advice.
If symptoms persist, call a physician.

In case of skin contact : First aid is not normally required. However, it is recommended that exposed areas be cleaned by washing with soap and water.

In case of eye contact : Remove contact lenses.
Protect unharmed eye.

If swallowed : Do not give milk or alcoholic beverages.
Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
If symptoms persist, call a physician.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : Signs and symptoms of exposure to this material through breathing, swallowing, and/or passage of the material through the skin may include:
stomach or intestinal upset (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea)
irritation (nose, throat, airways)

Notes to physician : No hazards which require special first aid measures.



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SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

- Suitable extinguishing media : Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
 Water spray
 Foam
- Specific hazards during firefighting : Organic dusts at sufficient concentration can form explosive mixtures in air.
 Do not allow run-off from fire fighting to enter drains or water courses.
- Hazardous combustion products : Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
 Carbon monoxide
 Chlorine compounds
 Sodium oxides
 Hydrogen chloride gas
- Specific extinguishing methods :
 Product is compatible with standard fire-fighting agents.
- Further information : Standard procedure for chemical fires.
- Special protective equipment for firefighters : In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

- Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Avoid dust formation.
 Avoid breathing dust.
 Material can create slippery conditions.
 Persons not wearing protective equipment should be excluded from area of spill until clean-up has been completed.
- Environmental precautions : Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.
- Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust.
 Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.
- Other information : Comply with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.

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SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Advice on protection against fire and explosion : Take measures to prevent the build up of electrostatic charge. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.

Advice on safe handling : Avoid dust formation.
Ensure all equipment is electrically grounded and bonded before beginning transfer operations.
The material can accumulate static charge and can therefore cause electrical ignition of flammable atmospheres.
Smoking, eating and drinking should be prohibited in the application area.
For personal protection see section 8.
Maintain good housekeeping. Do not permit dust layers to accumulate, for example, on floors, ledges, and equipment, in order to avoid any potential for dust explosion hazards.

For further guidance on prevention of dust explosions, refer to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 654: "Standard for the Prevention of Fire and Dust Explosions, from the Manufacturing, Processing and Handling of Combustible Particulate Solids".

Conditions for safe storage : No smoking.

Materials to avoid : No materials to be especially mentioned.

Further information on storage stability : Keep in a dry place.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**Components with workplace control parameters**

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Engineering measures : Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.
General room ventilation should be adequate for normal conditions of use. However, if unusual operating conditions exist, provide sufficient mechanical (general and/or local exhaust) ventilation to maintain exposure below exposure guidelines (if applicable) or below levels that cause known, suspected or apparent adverse effects.

Personal protective equipment



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Respiratory protection : In the case of dust or aerosol formation use respirator with an approved filter within the capabilities of the respirator/filter combination.
 Where concentrations are above recommended limits or are unknown, or a cartridge type respirator is not adequate, wear a positive-pressure supplied-air respirator.

Hand protection

Material : butyl-rubber
 Break through time : 480 min
 Glove thickness : > 0.5 mm

Remarks

: The exact break through time can be obtained from the protective glove producer and this has to be observed. Gloves should be discarded and replaced if there is any indication of degradation or chemical breakthrough.

Eye protection : Safety glasses

Skin and body protection : Wear as appropriate:
 Safety shoes
 Wear resistant gloves (consult your safety equipment supplier).

Hygiene measures : Avoid breathing dust.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : granules, powder
 Physical state : solid
 Colour : off-white
 Odour : odourless
 Odour Threshold : Not applicable
 pH : 5.0 - 8.0
 Concentration: 1 %
 (as aqueous solution)
 Melting point/freezing point : not determined
 Boiling point/boiling range : not determined



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Flash point	: Not applicable
Evaporation rate	: Not applicable
Flammability (solid, gas)	: not determined
Upper explosion limit	: Upper explosion limit not determined
Lower explosion limit	: Lower explosion limit 30 g/m3
Vapour pressure	: Not applicable
Relative vapour density	: Not applicable
Relative density	: No data available
Density	: 0.25 g/cm3
Bulk density	: 200 - 500 kg/m3
Solubility(ies)	
Water solubility	: soluble, Limited by viscosity
Solubility in other solvents	: No data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	: not determined
Auto-ignition temperature	: 380 °C
Thermal decomposition	: No data available
Viscosity	
Viscosity, dynamic	: Not applicable
Viscosity, kinematic	: Not applicable
Oxidizing properties	: Not applicable

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	: No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.
Chemical stability	: Stable under recommended storage conditions.



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Possibility of hazardous reactions : Dust may form explosive mixture in air.

Conditions to avoid : Keep away from heat, flame, sparks and other ignition sources.
 UV light.
 Exposure to sunlight.

Incompatible materials : Acids
 Bases
 Oxidizing agents

Hazardous decomposition products : Carbon monoxide
 Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
 Hydrogen chloride gas

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Information on likely routes of exposure : Inhalation
 Skin contact
 Eye Contact
 Ingestion

Acute toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

Skin corrosion/irritation

Not classified based on available information.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Not classified based on available information.

Product:

Remarks: Unlikely to cause eye irritation or injury., Product dust may be irritating to eyes, skin and respiratory system.

Respiratory or skin sensitisation

Skin sensitisation: Not classified based on available information.

Respiratory sensitisation: Not classified based on available information.

Germ cell mutagenicity

Not classified based on available information.

Carcinogenicity

Not classified based on available information.

Reproductive toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

STOT - single exposure



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Not classified based on available information.

STOT - repeated exposure

Not classified based on available information.

Aspiration toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

Further information

Product:

Remarks: No data available

Carcinogenicity:

IARC

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

OSHA

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

NTP

No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Product:

Ecotoxicology Assessment

Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard : Not classified based on available information.

Long-term (chronic) aquatic hazard : Not classified based on available information.

Persistence and degradability

Product:

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) : Biochemical oxygen demand within 5 days
 > 0 - 100 mg/g

No data available

Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects

No data available

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Additional ecological information : No data available

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**Disposal methods**

General advice : Dispose of in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal regulations.

Contaminated packaging : Empty remaining contents.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**International transport regulations****REGULATION**

ID NUMBER	PROPER SHIPPING NAME	*HAZARD CLASS	SUBSIDIARY HAZARDS	PACKING GROUP	MARINE POLLUTANT / LTD. QTY.
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U.S. DOT - ROAD

Not dangerous goods

CFR_RAIL_C

Not dangerous goods

U.S. DOT - INLAND WATERWAYS

Not dangerous goods

TDG_ROAD_C

Not dangerous goods

TDG_RAIL_C

Not dangerous goods

TDG_INWT_C

Not dangerous goods

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INTERNATIONAL MARITIME DANGEROUS GOODS

Not dangerous goods

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION - CARGO

Not dangerous goods

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION - PASSENGER

Not dangerous goods

MX_DG

Not dangerous goods

***ORM = ORM-D, CBL = COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID**

Marine pollutant

no

Dangerous goods descriptions (if indicated above) may not reflect quantity, end-use or region-specific exceptions that can be applied. Consult shipping documents for descriptions that are specific to the shipment.

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**TSCA list**

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

EPCRA - Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act**CERCLA Reportable Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

SARA 311/312 Hazards : Combustible Dust



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SARA 302 : This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

SARA 313 This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

US State Regulations

Pennsylvania Right To Know CELLULOSE

254504001-
5673

The identity and concentration of one or more component(s) is being withheld under business confidentiality.

New Jersey Right To Know CELLULOSE

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SODIUM CHLORIDE

7647-14-5

California Prop. 65

This product does not contain any chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or any other reproductive harm.

The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

DSL : All components of this product are on the Canadian DSL

AICS : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

ENCS : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

KECI : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

PICCS : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

IECSC : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory



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TCSI : On the inventory, or in compliance with the inventory

TSCA : On or in compliance with the active portion of the TSCA inventory

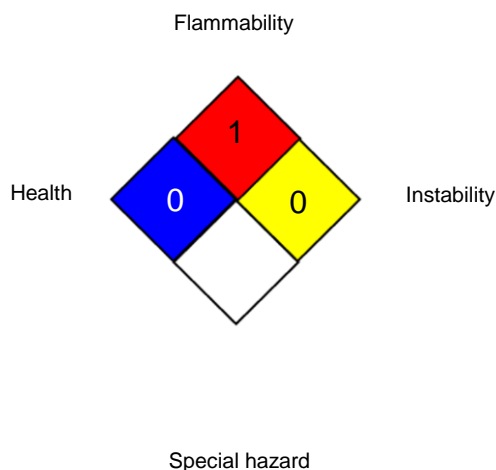
Inventories

AICS (Australia), DSL (Canada), IECSC (China), REACH (European Union), ENCS (Japan), ISHL (Japan), KECI (Korea), NZIoC (New Zealand), PICCS (Philippines), TCSI (Taiwan), TSCA (USA)
 - On or in compliance with the active portion of the TSCA inventory

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information

NFPA 704:



HMIS® IV:

HEALTH	/	0
FLAMMABILITY		1
PHYSICAL HAZARD		0

HMIS® ratings are based on a 0-4 rating scale, with 0 representing minimal hazards or risks, and 4 representing significant hazards or risks. The "*" represents a chronic hazard, while the "/" represents the absence of a chronic hazard.

Full text of H-Statements

Full text of other abbreviations

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN -

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Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardization; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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Sources of key data used to compile the Safety Data Sheet :

- Ashland internal data including own and sponsored test reports
- European Union Law with content from the Official Journal of the European Union.
- European Chemicals Agency; the EU authority implementing the EU's chemicals legislation for companies.
- The German Water Hazard Classes.
- ReachCentrum; a series of support services to help comply with REACH regulations.
- The European Commission; proposing legislation, administering and implementing EU policies, and enforcing EU law.
- The UNECE administers regional agreements implementing harmonised classification for labelling (GHS) and transport.

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Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council.
 ESIS European Chemical Substances Information System

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