

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## 1. IDENTIFICATION

### Product identifier

**Product code:** M1314  
**Product Name:** METHYLCELLULOSE, 15 CPS, USP

### Other means of identification

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

**CAS #:** 9004-67-5  
**RTECS #** FJ5959000  
**CI#:** Not available

### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

**Recommended use:** Thickening agent. Suspending agent. Food Additive.  
**Uses advised against** No information available

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### Classification

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Not a dangerous substance or mixture according to the Globally Harmonized System (GHS)

Combustible dust

### Label elements

#### Warning

May form combustible dust concentrations in air

**Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)**

Not Applicable

**Other hazards**

Not available

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Components	CAS-No.	Weight %	Trade Secret
Methylcellulose, 15 cps 9004-67-5	9004-67-5	100	*

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES****First aid measures****General Advice:**

Poison information centres in each State capital city can provide additional assistance for scheduled poisons (13 1126)

**Skin Contact:**

Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Get medical attention if irritation develops.

**Eye Contact:**

Flush eye with water for 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs. If symptoms persist, call a physician.

**Inhalation:**

Move to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. In case of shortness of breath, give oxygen. Get medical attention.

**Ingestion:**

Do not induce vomiting without medical advice. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Consult a physician if necessary.

**Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed****Symptoms**

May cause eye/skin irritation.

**Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed****Notes to Physician:**

Treat symptomatically

**Protection of first-aiders**

First-Aid Providers: Avoid exposure to blood or body fluids. Wear gloves and other necessary protective clothing. Dispose of contaminated clothing and equipment as bio-hazardous waste

**5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES****Extinguishing Media****Suitable Extinguishing Media:**

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Dry chemical. Water spray mist or foam.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media:**

No information available.

**Specific hazards arising from the chemical****Hazardous Combustion Products:**

Carbon monoxide; Carbon dioxide

**Specific hazards:**

May be combustible at high temperatures. Avoid generating dust. Fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.

**Special Protective Actions for Firefighters****Specific Methods:**

No information available.

**Special Protective Equipment for Firefighters:**

As in any fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus pressure-demand, MSHA/NIOSH (approved or equivalent) and full protective gear

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES****Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures****Personal Precautions:**

Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Remove all sources of ignition. Avoid dust formation. Avoid dispersal of dust in the air. Dust deposits should not be allowed to accumulate on surfaces, as these may form an explosive mixture if they are released into the atmosphere in sufficient concentration. Nonsparking tools should be used.

**Environmental precautions**

No information available.

**Methods and material for containment and cleaning up****Methods for containment**

Stop leak if you can do it without risk. Cover with plastic sheet to prevent spreading.

**Methods for cleaning up**

Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Clean contaminated surface thoroughly.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE****Precautions for safe handling****Technical Measures/Precautions:**

Provide sufficient air exchange and/or exhaust in work rooms. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Avoid dust formation. Dry powders can build static electricity charges when subjected to friction of transfer and mixing operations. All equipment used when handling the product must be grounded. Routine housekeeping should be instituted to ensure that dusts do not accumulate on surfaces. Keep away from incompatible materials.

**Safe Handling Advice:**

Wear personal protective equipment. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Avoid dust formation. Do not ingest. Do not breathe vapours/dust. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities****Technical Measures/Storage Conditions:**

Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place. Store at room temperature in the original container. Store away from incompatible materials.

**Incompatible Materials:**

Oxidizing agents. Acids. Bases.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION****Control parameters**

## National occupational exposure limits

U.S Occupational Exposure Limits: Not determined

### United States

Components	OSHA	NIOSH	ACGIH	AIHA WHEEL
Methylcellulose, 15 cps - 9004-67-5	None	None	None	None

### Canada

Canada Occupational Exposure Limits: Not determined

Components	Alberta	British Columbia	Ontario	Quebec
Methylcellulose, 15 cps - 9004-67-5	None	None	None	None

### Australia and Mexico

Occupational Exposure Limits for Australia and Mexico: Not determined

Components	Australia	Mexico
Methylcellulose, 15 cps 9004-67-5	None	None

## Appropriate engineering controls

### Engineering measures to reduce exposure:

Ensure adequate ventilation. 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. Ensure that dust-handling systems (such as exhaust ducts, dust collectors, vessels, and processing equipment) are designed in a manner to prevent the escape of dust into the work area (i.e. there is no leakage from the equipment) It is recommended that all dust control equipment such as local exhaust ventilation and material transport systems involved in the handling of this product contain explosion relief vents or an explosion suppression system or an oxygen-deficient environment

## Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

### Personal Protective Equipment

- Eye protection:** Safety glasses. Safety glasses with side-shields.
- Skin and body protection:** Long sleeved clothing. Chemical resistant apron. Gloves.
- Respiratory protection:** Wear respirator with dust filter..
- Hygiene measures:** Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

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<b>Physical state:</b> Solid.	<b>Appearance:</b> Powder.	<b>Color:</b> White. Off-white.
<b>Odor:</b> Odorless.	<b>Taste</b> No information available	<b>Molecular/Formula weight:</b> No information available
<b>Flash point (°C):</b> No data available	<b>Flashpoint (°C/°F):</b> No information available.	<b>Flash Point Tested according to:</b> Not available
<b>Lower Explosion Limit (%):</b> No information available	<b>Upper Explosion Limit (%):</b> No information available	<b>Autoignition Temperature (°C/°F):</b> No information available
<b>pH:</b> No information available	<b>Melting point/range(°C/°F):</b> 290-305 °C/554-581 °F	<b>Boiling point/range(°C/°F):</b> No information available
<b>Decomposition temperature(°C/°F):</b> No information available	<b>Specific gravity:</b> No information available	<b>Density (g/cm3):</b> No information available
<b>Bulk density:</b> No information available	<b>Vapor pressure @ 20°C (kPa):</b> No information available	<b>Evaporation rate:</b> No information available
<b>Vapor density:</b> No information available	<b>VOC content (g/L):</b> No information available	<b>Odor threshold (ppm):</b> No information available
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water):</b> No information available	<b>Viscosity:</b> No information available	<b>Miscibility:</b> No information available
<b>Solubility:</b> Soluble in cold water Insoluble in hot water Insoluble in alcohol Insoluble in Ether Insoluble in Chloroform Insoluble in most organic solvents		

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Reactivity

Reactive with oxidizing agents  
Reactive with acids  
Reacts with bases

### Chemical stability

**Stability:** Stable at normal conditions

**Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:** Hazardous polymerization does not occur

**Conditions to avoid:** Heat. Avoid dust formation. Dust may form explosive mixture in air. Fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard. Incompatible materials.

**Incompatible Materials:** Oxidizing agents. Acids. Bases.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** Carbon monoxide. Carbon dioxide.

### Other Information

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**Corrosivity:** No information available

**Special Remarks on Corrosivity:** No information available

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Information on likely routes of exposure

**Principal Routes of Exposure:**

Ingestion. Inhalation.

### Acute Toxicity

#### **Component Information**

*Methylcellulose, 15 cps - 9004-67-5*

- LD50/oral/rat** = No information available
- LD50/oral/mouse** = No information available
- LD50/dermal/rabbit** = No information available
- LD50/dermal/rat** = No information available
- LC50/inhalation/rat** = No information available
- LC50/inhalation/mouse** = No information available
- Other LD50 or LC50 information** = No information available

#### **Product Information**

**LD50/oral/rat** =  
**VALUE- Acute Tox Oral** = >10000mg/kg

**LD50/oral/mouse** =  
**Value - Acute Tox Oral** = No information available

**LD50/dermal/rabbit**  
**VALUE-Acute Tox Dermal** = No information available

**LD50/dermal/rat**  
**VALUE -Acute Tox Dermal** = No information available

**LC50/inhalation/rat**  
**VALUE-Vapor** = No information available  
**VALUE-Gas** = No information available  
**VALUE-Dust/Mist** = No information available

**LC50/Inhalation/mouse**  
**VALUE-Vapor** = No information available  
**VALUE - Gas** = No information available  
**VALUE - Dust/Mist** = No information available

### Symptoms

**Skin Contact:** May cause skin irritation.

**Eye Contact:** May cause eye irritation.

**Inhalation** May cause irritation of respiratory tract.

**Ingestion** Not expected to be a health hazard. May have laxative or constipating effects.

**Aspiration hazard** No information available

**Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure**

**Chronic Toxicity** No information available

**Sensitization:** No information available

**Mutagenic Effects:** No information available

**Carcinogenic effects:** Not considered carcinogenic

Components	ACGIH - Carcinogens	IARC	NTP	OSHA HCS - Carcinogens	Australia - Prohibited Carcinogenic Substances	Australia - Notifiable Carcinogenic Substances
Methylcellulose, 15 cps	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed

**Reproductive toxicity** No data is available

**Reproductive Effects:** No information available

**Developmental Effects:** No information available

**Teratogenic Effects:** No information available

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity**

**STOT - single exposure** No information available

**STOT - repeated exposure** No information available

**Target Organs:** No information available

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Ecotoxicity**

**Ecotoxicity effects:** No data available.

**Persistence and degradability:** No information available

**Bioaccumulative potential:** No information available

**Mobility:** No information available

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Disposal Methods**

**Waste from residues / unused products:**

Waste must be disposed of in accordance with Federal, State and Local regulation.

**Contaminated packaging:**

Empty containers should be taken for local recycling, recovery or waste disposal

Components	RCRA - F Series Wastes	RCRA - K Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes	RCRA - U Series Wastes
Methylcellulose, 15 cps	None	None	None	None

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### DOT

**UN-No:** Not regulated  
**Proper Shipping Name:** No information available  
**Hazard Class:** No information available  
**Subsidiary Risk:** Not applicable  
**Packing Group:** None  
**Marine Pollutant:** No data available  
**ERG No:** No information available  
**DOT RQ (lbs):** No information available

### TDG (Canada)

**UN-No:** Not Regulated  
**Proper Shipping Name:** No information available  
**Hazard Class:** No information available  
**Subsidiary Risk:** No information available  
**Packing Group:** No information available  
**Description:** No information available

### ADR

**UN-No:** Not Regulated  
**Proper Shipping Name:** No information available  
**Hazard Class:** No information available  
**Packing Group:** No information available  
**Subsidiary Risk:** No information available  
**Classification Code:** No information available  
**Description:** No information available  
**CEFIC Tremcard No:** No information available

### IMO / IMDG

**UN-No:** Not Regulated  
**Proper Shipping Name:** No information available  
**Hazard Class:** No information available  
**Subsidiary Risk:** No information available  
**Packing Group:** No information available  
**Description:** No information available  
**IMDG Page:** No information available  
**Marine Pollutant:** No information available  
**MFAG:** No information available  
**Maximum Quantity:** No information available

### RID

**UN-No:** Not Regulated  
**Proper Shipping Name:** No information available  
**Hazard Class:** No information available  
**Subsidiary Risk:** No information available  
**Packing Group:** No information available  
**Classification Code:** No information available  
**Description:** No information available



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### ICAO

**UN-No:** Not Regulated  
**Proper Shipping Name:** No information available  
**Hazard Class:** No information available  
**Subsidiary Risk:** No information available  
**Packing Group:** No information available  
**Description:** No information available

### IATA

**UN-No:** Not Regulated  
**Proper Shipping Name:** No information available  
**Hazard Class:** No information available  
**Subsidiary Risk:** No information available  
**Packing Group:** No information available  
**Description:** No information available

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### International Inventories

Components	U.S. TSCA	KOREA KECL	Philippines (PICCS)	Japan ENCS	CHINA	Australia (AICS)	EINECS-No.
<i>Methylcellulose, 15 cps</i>	Present XU	Present KE-05369	Present	Present (8)-186	Present	Present	Not present

### U.S. Regulations

*Methylcellulose, 15 cps*

**FDA - Food Additives Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS):** 21 CFR 182.1480

### California Prop. 65: Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986.

#### Chemicals Known to the State of California to Cause Cancer:

This product does not contain a chemical requiring a warning under California Prop. 65. (See table below)

#### Chemicals Known to the State of California to Cause Reproductive Toxicity:

This product does not contain a chemical requiring a warning under California Prop. 65. (See table below)

Components	Carcinogen	Developmental Toxicity	Male Reproductive Toxicity	Female Reproductive Toxicity:
<i>Methylcellulose, 15 cps</i>	Not Listed	Not Listed	Not Listed	Not Listed

### CERCLA/SARA

Components	CERCLA - Hazardous Substances and their Reportable Quantities	Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances and TPQs	Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances and RQs	Section 313 - Chemical Category	Section 313 - Reporting <i>de minimis</i>
<i>Methylcellulose, 15 cps</i>	None	None	None	None	None

### U.S. TSCA

Components	TSCA Section 5(a)2 - Chemicals With Significant New Use Rules (SNURS)	TSCA 8(d) -Health and Safety Reporting
<i>Methylcellulose, 15 cps</i>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

### Canada

**WHMIS hazard class:**

Non-controlled

**Canada Controlled Products Regulation:**

This product has been classified according to the hazard criteria of the CPR (Controlled Products Regulation) and the MSDS contains all of the information required by the CPR.

**Inventory**

Components	Canada (DSL)	Canada (NDSL)
Methylcellulose, 15 cps	Present	Not Listed

Components	CEPA Schedule I - Toxic Substances	CEPA - 2010 Greenhouse Gases Subject to Mandatory Reporting
Methylcellulose, 15 cps	Not listed	Not listed

**EU Classification****R-phrase(s)**

not determined

**S -phrase(s)**

none

Components	Classification	Concentration Limits:	Safety Phrases
Methylcellulose, 15 cps		No information	

The product is classified in accordance with Annex VI to Directive 67/548/EEC

**Indication of danger:**

Not dangerous

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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NFPA	HMIS	Personal Protective Equipment
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Health Hazard	1
Fire Hazard	1
Reactivity	0



See Section 8.

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