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SECTION 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product identifier

Trade name : Benecel™ A4C Methylcellulose
 Description : Methylcellulose
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Substance name BENECEL A4C

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 Conservation Supplies Australia G 02/59 Great Buckingham Street, Redfern NSW 2016 61(0)2 8367 5920 EHSProductSafety@ashland.com	Emergency telephone 1800 033 111 Product Information +65-6775-5366 (Singapore)
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SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS Classification

Not a hazardous substance or mixture.

GHS label elements

No hazard pictogram, no signal word, no hazard statement(s), no precautionary statement(s) required.

Other hazards which do not result in classification

May form explosible dust-air mixture if dispersed.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

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Substance / Mixture : Substance

Chemical nature : organic

Components

No hazardous ingredients

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice : Do not leave the victim unattended.

If inhaled : If unconscious, place in recovery position and seek medical advice.
If symptoms persist, call a physician.

In case of skin contact : Wash off with soap and plenty of water.

In case of eye contact : Remove contact lenses.
Protect unharmed eye.
If eye irritation persists, consult a specialist.

If swallowed : Keep respiratory tract clear.
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 : None known.

Notes to physician : Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media : Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

Specific hazards during fire fighting : No information available.

Hazardous combustion products : Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
Carbon monoxide
Chlorine compounds
Sodium oxides

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Hydrogen chloride gas

- Specific extinguishing methods : Standard procedure for chemical fires.
Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
- Standard procedure for chemical fires.
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

- Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Use personal protective equipment.
Avoid dust formation.
- Environmental precautions : Do not allow uncontrolled discharge of product into the environment.
- Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Pick up and arrange disposal without creating dust.
Sweep up and shovel.
Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

- Advice on protection against fire and explosion : Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed.
- Advice on safe handling : Avoid dust formation.
Avoid inhalation, ingestion and contact with skin and eyes.
For personal protection see section 8.
Smoking, eating and drinking should be prohibited in the application area.
- Hygiene measures : General industrial hygiene practice.
- Conditions for safe storage : Electrical installations / working materials must comply with the technological safety standards.
- Further information on storage conditions : Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
Store at room temperature in the original container.
Keep in a dry, cool place.
Keep away from direct sunlight.

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Materials to avoid : No materials to be especially mentioned.

Further information on storage stability : Keep in a dry place.
No decomposition if stored and applied as directed.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Engineering measures : 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

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 : Work uniform or laboratory coat.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : granules, powder

Color : off-white

Odor : odorless

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Odor 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
Flash point	: Not applicable
Evaporation rate	: Not applicable
Flammability (solid, gas)	: The product is not flammable.
Self-ignition	: not determined
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	: not determined
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	: Lower explosion limit 30 g/m ³
Vapor pressure	: Not applicable
Relative vapor density	: Not applicable
Relative density	: No data available
Density	: 0.25 g/cm ³
Bulk density	: 200 - 500 kg/m ³
Solubility(ies)	
Water solubility	: soluble, Limited by viscosity
Solubility in other solvents	: No data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	: not determined
Autoignition temperature	: 380 °C
Decomposition temperature	: No data available

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Respiratory sensitization

Not classified due to lack of data.

Chronic toxicity

Germ cell mutagenicity

Not classified due to lack of data.

Carcinogenicity

Not classified due to lack of data.

Reproductive toxicity

Not classified due to lack of data.

STOT-single exposure

Not classified due to lack of data.

STOT-repeated exposure

Not classified due to lack of data.

Aspiration toxicity

Not classified due to lack of data.

Further information

Product:

Remarks : No data available

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

No data available

Persistence and degradability

Product:

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

Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects

Product:

Additional ecological : No data available

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SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal methods

Contaminated packaging : Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

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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UN_DG

Not dangerous goods

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME DANGEROUS GOODS

Not dangerous goods

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION - PASSENGER

Not dangerous goods

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION - CARGO

Not dangerous goods

*ORM = ORM-D, CBL = COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID

Marine pollutant	no
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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.

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SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

Therapeutic Goods (Poisons : No poison schedule number allocated
Standard) Instrument

Prohibition/Licensing Requirements : There is no applicable prohibition, authorisation and restricted use requirements, including for carcinogens referred to in Schedule 10 of the model WHS Act and Regulations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ISHL : 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

NZIoC : Not in compliance with the inventory

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

Further information

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Other information : This sds has been prepared by Ashland.
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Sources of key data used to compile the Material 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.
Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council.
ESIS European Chemical Substances Information System

Date format : dd.mm.yyyy

Full text of other abbreviations

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ANTT - National Agency for Transport by Land of Brazil; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; 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; 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; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; Nch - Chilean Norm; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NOM - Official Mexican Norm; 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; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration,

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