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SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1. Product identifier

Product Code(s) 125982
Safety data sheet number 125982
Product Name METHOCEL A4M METHYLCELLULOSE
Synonyms METHOCEL A4M
Pure substance/mixture Mixture

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

Recommended use Industrial use

1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Supplier

Univar Solutions UK Ltd
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Bradford
GBR

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Non-Emergency Telephone Number +44 1274 267300 / +44 1274 267306

1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency Telephone SGS - +32 (0)3 575 55 55 (24h)

SECTION 2: Hazards identification

2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Not classified

2.2. Label elements

Not classified

Hazard statements

Not classified

Unknown aquatic toxicity Contains 0 % of components with unknown hazards to the aquatic environment.

2.3. Other hazards

May form combustible dust concentrations in air.

SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

3.1 Substances

Not applicable

3.2 Mixtures

The product contains no substances which at their given concentration, are considered to be hazardous to health

Chemical name	Weight-%	EC No (EU Index No)	UK REACH registration number	Classification according to GB CLP (SI 2020/1567 as amended)	Specific concentration limit (SCL)	M-Factor	M-Factor (long-term)
METHYL CELLULOSE 9004-67-5	95 - 100 %	232-674-9	-	Not Classified	-	-	-

Full text of H- and EUH-phrases: see section 16

This product does not contain candidate substances of very high concern at a concentration $\geq 0.1\%$ (UK REACH Article 59)

SECTION 4: First aid measures

4.1. Description of first aid measures

General advice	Get medical attention if irritation or other symptoms occur.
Inhalation	IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor.
Eye contact	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.
Skin contact	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water and soap. If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
Ingestion	IF SWALLOWED: Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Drink plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

Symptoms Get medical attention if irritation or other symptoms occur.

4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Note to doctors Treat symptomatically.

SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

5.1. Extinguishing media

Suitable Extinguishing Media Dry chemical, CO2, alcohol-resistant foam or water spray.

Large Fire CAUTION: Use of water spray when fighting fire may be inefficient.

Unsuitable extinguishing media Do not scatter spilled material with high pressure water streams.

5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture

Specific hazards arising from the chemical Fine dust dispersed in air, in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.

Hazardous combustion products Carbon oxides.

5.3. Advice for firefighters

Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).

SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions Dust deposits should not be allowed to accumulate on surfaces, as these may form an explosible mixture if they are released in the atmosphere in sufficient concentrations. Do not create a dust cloud by using a brush or compressed air. Use personal protection recommended in Section 8. Sweep up to prevent slipping hazard.

For emergency responders Use personal protection recommended in Section 8.

6.2. Environmental precautions

Environmental precautions Avoid release to the environment. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for containment Sweep up and shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Avoid handling which leads to dust formation. Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

Methods for cleaning up Use industrial vacuum cleaners approved for combustible dust and area electrical classification.

Prevention of secondary hazards Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations.

6.4. Reference to other sections

Reference to other sections See section 8 for more information. See section 13 for more information.

SECTION 7: Handling and storage

7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling	Avoid generation of dust and aerosols. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Minimise dust generation and accumulation. Combustible dust clouds may be created where operations produce fine material (dust). Airborne dusts are potentially explosive. Avoid significant deposits of material, especially on horizontal surfaces, which may become airborne and form combustible dust clouds and may contribute to secondary explosions. Handling and processing operations should be conducted in accordance with 'best practices' (e.g. NFPA-654).
General hygiene considerations	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing is recommended. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.

7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Storage Conditions	Keep only in original packaging. Keep container tightly closed in a dry and well-ventilated place.
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7.3. Specific end use(s)

Specific use(s)
See section 1 for more information.

Risk Management Methods (RMM) The information required is contained in this Safety Data Sheet.

SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

8.1. Control parameters

Exposure Limits	This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.
Biological occupational exposure limits	This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with biological limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies.
Derived No Effect Level (DNEL) - Workers	No information available
Derived No Effect Level (DNEL) - General Public	No information available.
Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)	No information available.

8.2. Exposure controls

Engineering controls	Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid generation of dust and aerosols.
<u>Personal protective equipment</u>	
Eye/face protection	Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles). Use eye protection according to EN 166.
Hand protection	Wear protective gloves. Gloves must conform to standard EN 374.

Skin and body protection	Wear protective gloves and protective clothing.
Respiratory protection	In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. full face mask (DIN EN 136).
General hygiene considerations	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing is recommended. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.
Environmental exposure controls	Keep out of drains, sewers, ditches and waterways. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.

SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state	Solid
Appearance	Powder
Colour	No information available
Odour	No information available.
Odour threshold	No information available

<u>Property</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Remarks • Method</u>
Melting point / freezing point		No information available.
Initial boiling point and boiling range		No information available.
Flammability		No information available.
Flammability Limit in Air		No information available.
Upper flammability or explosive limits		
Lower flammability or explosive limits		
Flash point		No information available.
Autoignition temperature		No information available.
Decomposition temperature		No information available.
pH		No information available.
pH (as aqueous solution)		No information available.
Kinematic viscosity		No information available.
Dynamic viscosity		No information available.
Water solubility		No information available.
Solubility(ies)		No information available.
Partition coefficient		No information available.
Vapour pressure		No information available.
Relative density		No information available.
Bulk density		No information available
Liquid Density	No information available	No information available
Relative vapour density		No information available.
Particle characteristics		Not applicable.
Particle Size	No information available	
Particle Size Distribution	No information available	
Explosive properties	No data available	
Oxidising properties	No information available	

9.2. Other information

SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

10.1. Reactivity

Reactivity None known.

10.2. Chemical stability

Stability Stable under normal conditions.

Explosion data

Sensitivity to mechanical impact No.

Sensitivity to static discharge Yes.

10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Possibility of hazardous reactions None under normal processing.

Hazardous polymerisation Hazardous polymerisation does not occur.

10.4. Conditions to avoid

Conditions to avoid Heat, flames and sparks. May form combustible dust concentrations in air.

10.5. Incompatible materials

Incompatible materials Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame.

10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

Hazardous decomposition products Carbon oxides.

SECTION 11: Toxicological information

11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Information on likely routes of exposure

Product Information

Inhalation Inhalation of dust in high concentration may cause irritation of respiratory system.

Eye contact Dust contact with the eyes can lead to mechanical irritation.

Skin contact Dust or powder may irritate the skin.

Ingestion Gastrointestinal discomfort.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

Symptoms Get medical attention if irritation or other symptoms occur.

Acute toxicity

Numerical measures of toxicity

The following values are calculated based on chapter 3.1 of the GHS document

Chemical name	Oral LD50	Dermal LD50	Inhalation LC50
METHYL CELLULOSE	> 4000 mg/kg (Rat)	-	-

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

Skin corrosion/irritation No information available.

METHYL CELLULOSE (9004-67-5)

Method	Species	Exposure route	Effective dose	Exposure time	Results
					non-irritant

Serious eye damage/eye irritation No information available.

METHYL CELLULOSE (9004-67-5)

Method	Species	Exposure route	Effective dose	Exposure time	Results
					non-irritant Solid particles trapped behind the eyelid may cause abrasive damage,

Respiratory or skin sensitisation No information available.

METHYL CELLULOSE (9004-67-5)

Method	Species	Exposure route	Results
			Not expected

Germ cell mutagenicity No information available.

Component Information

METHYL CELLULOSE (9004-67-5)

Method	Species	Results
	in vitro	Negative
		Negative Did not show mutagenic effects in animal experiments

Carcinogenicity No information available.

Component Information

METHYL CELLULOSE (9004-67-5)

Method	Species	Results
		Similar cellulose did not cause cancer in long-term animal studies.

Reproductive toxicity No information available.

METHYL CELLULOSE (9004-67-5)

Method	Species	Results
		In animal studies, a similar cellulosic has been shown not to interfere with reproduction.

STOT - single exposure No information available.

METHYL CELLULOSE (9004-67-5)

Method	Species	Exposure route	Effective dose	Exposure time	Results
					Not expected

STOT - repeated exposure

No information available.

Component Information

METHYL CELLULOSE (9004-67-5)

Method	Species	Exposure route	Effective dose	Exposure time	Results
					Repeated ingestion of similar cellulose by humans has not resulted in known significant adverse effects.

Aspiration hazard

No information available.

Other adverse effects

No information available.

SECTION 12: Ecological information**12.1. Toxicity****Ecotoxicity**

The environmental impact of this product has not been fully investigated.

Unknown aquatic toxicity

Contains 0 % of components with unknown hazards to the aquatic environment.

METHYL CELLULOSE (9004-67-5)

Method	Species	Endpoint type	Effective dose	Exposure time	Results
	Pimephales promelas	LC50	> 100 mg/L	72 hours	
	Daphnia magna	EC50	> 100 mg/L	48 hours	

12.2. Persistence and degradability**Persistence and degradability**

No information available.

METHYL CELLULOSE (9004-67-5)

Method	Exposure time	Value	Results
			Not readily biodegradable

12.3. Bioaccumulative potential**Bioaccumulation**

There is no data for this product.

12.4. Mobility in soil**Mobility in soil**

No information available.

12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**PBT and vPvB assessment**

The product does not contain any substance(s) classified as PBT or vPvB.

12.6. Other adverse effects

No information available.

SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**13.1. Waste treatment methods**

Waste from residues/unused products	Waste to be treated as controlled waste. Disposal to licensed waste disposal site in accordance with local Waste Disposal Authority.
Contaminated packaging	Empty remaining contents. Do not reuse empty containers. Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

SECTION 14: Transport information**IATA**

14.1 UN number or ID number	Not regulated
14.2	
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	Not regulated
14.4 Packing group	Not regulated
14.5 Environmental hazards	No
14.6 Special precautions for user	
Special Provisions	None

IMDG

14.1 UN number or ID number	Not regulated
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	Not regulated
14.4 Packing group	Not regulated
14.5 Environmental hazards	No
14.6 Special precautions for user	
Special Provisions	None
14.7 Maritime transport in bulk according to IMO instruments	No information available

RID

14.1 UN number or ID number	Not regulated
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Not regulated
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	Not regulated
14.4 Packing group	Not regulated
14.5 Environmental hazards	No
14.6 Special precautions for user	
Special Provisions	None

ADR

14.1 UN number or ID number	Not regulated
14.2 UN proper shipping name	Not regulated
14.3 Transport hazard class(es)	Not regulated
14.4 Packing group	Not regulated
14.5 Environmental hazards	No
14.6 Special precautions for user	
Special Provisions	None

SECTION 15: Regulatory information

15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**National regulations****Authorisations and/or restrictions on use:**

This product does not contain substances subject to authorisation (UK REACH - Annex XIV).

This product does not contain substances subject to restriction (UK REACH - Annex XVII).

Persistent Organic Pollutants

Not applicable

Export Notification requirements

Not applicable

Named dangerous substances per COMAH Regulations 2015 (as amended)

Not applicable

The Ozone-Depleting Substances Regulations 2015

Not applicable

The Biocidal Products Regulations 2001 (as amended)

Not applicable

The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017 (as amended)

Not applicable

Poisons Act 1972 (Explosive Precursors) Regulations (as Amended)

Not applicable

International Inventories

TSCA

Contact supplier for inventory compliance status

DSL/NDSL

Contact supplier for inventory compliance status

EINECS/ELINCS

Contact supplier for inventory compliance status

ENCS

Contact supplier for inventory compliance status

IECSC

Contact supplier for inventory compliance status

KECI

Contact supplier for inventory compliance status

PICCS

Contact supplier for inventory compliance status

AIIC

Contact supplier for inventory compliance status

NZIoC

Contact supplier for inventory compliance status

Legend:

TSCA - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory

DSL/NDSL - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances

ENCS - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances

IECSC - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals

NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

15.2. Chemical safety assessment**Chemical Safety Report**

No information available

SECTION 16: Other information**Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet**

Legend

SVHC: Substances of Very High Concern for Authorisation:

PBT: Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic (PBT) Substances

vPvB: Very Persistent and very Bioaccumulative (vPvB) Substances

Legend Section 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

TWA TWA (time-weighted average)

STEL

STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)

Ceiling Maximum limit value

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Skin designation

+ Sensitisers

Revision Note ***Indicates updated data since last publication

Classification procedure

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

Method Used

Acute oral toxicity

Calculation method

Acute dermal toxicity

Calculation method

Acute inhalation toxicity - gas

Calculation method

Acute inhalation toxicity - vapour

Calculation method

Acute inhalation toxicity - dust/mist

Calculation method

Skin corrosion/irritation

Calculation method

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Calculation method

Respiratory sensitisation

Calculation method

Skin sensitisation

Calculation method

Mutagenicity

Calculation method

Carcinogenicity

Calculation method

Reproductive toxicity

Calculation method

STOT - single exposure

Calculation method

STOT - repeated exposure

Calculation method

Acute aquatic toxicity

Calculation method

Chronic aquatic toxicity

Calculation method

Aspiration hazard

Calculation method

Ozone

Calculation method

Key literature references and sources for data used to compile the SDS

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ChemView Database

European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) Committee for Risk Assessment (ECHA_RAC)

European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) (ECHA_API)

Environmental Protection Agency

Acute Exposure Guideline Level(s) (AEGl(s))

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency High Production Volume Chemicals

Food Research Journal

Hazardous Substance Database

International Uniform Chemical Information Database (IUCLID)

National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)

Australian National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)

NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)

National Library of Medicine's ChemID Plus (NLM CIP)

National Library of Medicine's PubMed database (NLM PUBMED)

U.S. National Toxicology Program (NTP)

New Zealand's Chemical Classification and Information Database (CCID)

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Environment, Health, and Safety Publications

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development High Production Volume Chemicals Programme

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Screening Information Data Set

World Health Organization

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Take note of Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work

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