

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Avicel® RC/CL Microcrystalline Cellulose and Sodium Carboxymethylcellulose

FMC BioPolymer

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This document has been prepared to meet the requirements of the U.S. OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200 and Canada's Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) requirements.

1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

PRODUCT NAME: Avicel® RC/CL Microcrystalline Cellulose and Sodium Carboxymethylcellulose

CHEMICAL FAMILY: Carbohydrate, Cellulose Derivative

SYNONYMS: Microcrystalline cellulose (INCI name): MCC, cellulose gel; Sodium Carboxymethylcellulose: NaCMC, CMC, SMC, Carboxymethylcellulose, Carboxymethyl ether, Sodium CMC, Sodium salt, Cellulose gum

ALTERNATE PRODUCT NAME(S): Avicel® RC 501, 581, 591, CL 611

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:

- Off-white, free-flowing, odorless powder.
- Accumulation of overhead settled dust may form explosive concentrations in air when disturbed and dispersed.
- Powder becomes slippery when wet.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS: No significant health hazard expected.

3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name	CAS#	Wt. %	EC No.	EC Class
Microcrystalline cellulose	9004-34-6		232-674-9	Not Classified
Sodium Carboxymethylcellulose	9004-32-4		None	Not classified

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

EYES: Flush with water for at least 15 minutes. If irritation occurs and persists, obtain medical attention.

SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

INGESTION: Drink plenty of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If any discomfort persists, obtain medical attention.

INHALATION: Remove to fresh air. If breathing difficulty or discomfort occurs and persists, obtain medical attention.

NOTES TO MEDICAL DOCTOR: This product has low oral, dermal and inhalation toxicity. It is non-irritating to the eyes and skin, and non-sensitizing to the skin. Treatment is symptomatic and supportive.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: Water

FIRE / EXPLOSION HAZARDS: The accumulation of excessive dust on overhead structures may produce explosive concentrations when disturbed and dispersed. According to NFPA 68, (Explosion Venting Guide), the Hazard Class of Dust Deflagrations for microcrystalline cellulose is St-1, the lowest hazard class.

FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES: For fires involving this material, do not enter any enclosed or confined fire space without wearing full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) approved for firefighting. This is necessary to protect against the hazards of heat, products of combustion and oxygen deficiency. Do not breathe smoke, gases or vapors generated.

FLAMMABLE LIMITS: Not applicable

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

RELEASE NOTES: Powder becomes slippery when wet. Maintain good housekeeping practices to minimize accumulation of settled dust, especially on overhead surfaces. Sweep up the spilled material and dispose of in accordance with the waste disposal method outlined in Section 13, "Disposal Considerations".

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

HANDLING AND STORAGE: Use local exhaust or general dilution ventilation to control exposure to dust. Always use safe lifting techniques when manually moving containers, especially when handling containers weighing more than 50 pounds (22.7 kg). To protect quality, store in a tight container in a dry place. Avoid exposure to excessive heat.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

EXPOSURE LIMITS

Chemical Name	ACGIH	OSHA	Supplier
Microcrystalline cellulose	10 mg/m ³ (TWA)	15 mg/m ³ (PEL) (total dust) 5 mg/m ³ (PEL) (respirable fraction of dust)	

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

EYES AND FACE: Whenever airborne dust concentrations are high, appropriate protective eyewear, such as mono-goggles, should be worn to prevent eye contact.

RESPIRATORY: Whenever dust in the worker's breathing zone cannot be controlled with ventilation or other engineering means, workers should wear respirators or dust masks approved by NIOSH/MSHA, EU CEN or comparable certification organization to protect them against airborne dust.

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING: No special clothing is required.

GLOVES: No special gloves are required.

COMMENTS:

ADDITIONAL EXPOSURE LIMITS:

MCC:

Australia (TWA) 10 mg/m³

Belgium (TWA) 10 mg/m³ (inhalable dust)

China (STEL): 25 mg/m³

China (TWA): 10 mg/m³

Hong Kong (TWA): 10 mg/m³

Ireland (TWA): 10 mg/m³ (inhalable dust)

Korea (TWA): 10 mg/m³

New Zealand (TWA): 10 mg/m³ (respirable dust with no asbestos and less than 1% free silica)

Singapore (PEL): 10 mg/m³

Switzerland (TWA): 3 mg/m³ (respirable dust)

United Kingdom (STEL): 10 mg/m³ (total inhalable dust)

United Kingdom (TWA): 10 mg/m³ (total inhalable dust); 4 mg/m³ (respirable dust)

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

ODOR:	Odorless
APPEARANCE:	Off-white, free-flowing powder
AUTOIGNITION TEMPERATURE:	Not applicable
BOILING POINT:	Not applicable
COEFFICIENT OF OIL / WATER:	(Octanol/Water) Not available
EVAPORATION RATE:	(Butyl acetate = 1) Not applicable
FLASH POINT:	Not applicable
MELTING POINT:	Not applicable
OXIDIZING PROPERTIES:	Not applicable
PERCENT VOLATILE:	Approximately 4% water, by weight
pH:	(In solution) 6.0 - 8.0 (2% solids dispersion)
SOLUBILITY IN WATER:	Dispersible
SPECIFIC GRAVITY:	(H ₂ O = 1) Bulk density, 0.6 g/cc
VAPOR DENSITY:	(Air = 1) Not applicable
VAPOR PRESSURE:	Not applicable

COMMENTS:

EXPLOSIVE PROPERTIES: Microcrystalline cellulose: St-1

MINIMUM IGNITION TEMPERATURE: Microcrystalline cellulose: 420°C

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

CONDITIONS TO AVOID: None known
STABILITY: Stable
HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS: None known.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

EYE EFFECTS: Non-irritating (rabbit)

SKIN EFFECTS: Non-irritating (rabbit) (PII = 0/8.0)

DERMAL LD₅₀: > 2,000 mg/kg (rabbit)

ORAL LD₅₀: > 5,000 mg/kg (rat)

INHALATION LC₅₀: > 5.82 mg/l (4 h) (rat) Maximum attainable concentration - zero mortality

SENSITIZATION: (Skin) Non-sensitizing (guinea pig)

ACUTE EFFECTS FROM OVEREXPOSURE: This product has low oral, dermal and inhalation toxicity. It is non-irritating to the eyes and skin, and non-sensitizing to the skin. No significant acute toxicological effects are expected.

CHRONIC EFFECTS FROM OVEREXPOSURE: Ninety-day feeding studies with microcrystalline cellulose/sodium carboxymethylcellulose blend, in laboratory animals, at levels up to and including 50,000 ppm showed no significant toxicological effects as well as no adverse fetal effects. The maternal/fetal NOELs were > 50,000 ppm. Microcrystalline cellulose/sodium carboxymethylcellulose blend was negative in a battery of standard genotoxic tests. Microcrystalline cellulose is considered an inert dust, which is not toxic to the lungs when exposures are properly controlled.

CARCINOGENICITY:

NTP: Not listed
IARC: Not listed
OSHA: Not listed
OTHER: Not Listed (ACGIH)

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA: Microcrystalline cellulose is inherently biodegradable in soil. It biodegrades in soil at a rate comparable to corn starch.

ECOTOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION: No data available for the formulation.

MCC:

48-hour LC₅₀ > 100%, saturated solution, NOEC = 100% (daphnia)

96-hour LC₅₀ > 100%, saturated solution, NOEC = 100% (rainbow trout)

96-hour EC₅₀ > 100%, saturated solution, NOEC = 12.5% (algae)

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

DISPOSAL METHOD: No special disposal methods are suggested. It is the user's responsibility to comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, rules, regulations and standards.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

MARINE POLLUTANT:

None

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Not listed in Title 49 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations as a hazardous material.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

National Motor Freight Classification Item 71390, Flour Cellulose, Edible

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME DANGEROUS GOODS (IMDG)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Not applicable

ADR - EUROPEAN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY ROAD

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Not applicable

**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO) /
INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (IATA)**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Not applicable

OTHER INFORMATION:

Canada (TDG) : Not applicable

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

UNITED STATES

SARA TITLE III (SUPERFUND AMENDMENTS AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT)

SECTION 302 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 355, APPENDIX A):

Not applicable

SECTION 311 HAZARD CATEGORIES (40 CFR 370):

None

SECTION 312 THRESHOLD PLANNING QUANTITY (40 CFR 370):

The Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ) for this product, if treated as a mixture, is 10,000 lbs; however, this product contains the following ingredients with a TPQ of less than 10,000 lbs.:

None

SECTION 313 REPORTABLE INGREDIENTS (40 CFR 372):

This product does not contain any toxic chemicals subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313, Title III of the SARA (Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act) of 1986.

CERCLA (COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY ACT)

CERCLA DESIGNATION & REPORTABLE QUANTITIES (RQ) (40 CFR 302.4):

Not applicable

TSCA (TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL ACT)

TSCA INVENTORY STATUS (40 CFR 710):

Listed (components)

Health	0
Flammability	1
Reactivity	0
Special	None

No special requirements

NFPA (National Fire Protection Association)

Degree of Hazard Code:

4 = Extreme

3 = High

2 = Moderate

1 = Slight

0 = Insignificant

REVISION SUMMARY:

This MSDS replaces Revision #8, dated November 7, 2005.

Changes in information are as follows:

Section 1 (Product and Company Identification)

Section 15 (Regulatory Information)

Section 16 (Other Information)

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