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## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

**Product Name:** CELLOSIZE(TM) HYDROXYETHYL  
CELLULOSE QP-100 MH  
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### **2. COMPOSITION INFORMATION**

<b>Component</b>	<b>CAS #</b>	<b>Amount (%W/W)</b>
Hydroxyethyl cellulose	9004-62-0	>= 85.5 %
Sodium acetate	127-09-3	<= 7.5%
Water	7732-18-5	>= 2 <= 5%
Cellulose	9004-34-6	<= 1.5%
Ethanedial	107-22-2	<= 0.5%

### **3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

#### **3.1 EMERGENCY OVERVIEW**

**Appearance** White

**Physical State** Powder

**Odor** Mild

**Hazards of product** CAUTION! STATIC IGNITION HAZARD CAN RESULT FROM HANDLING AND USE. DUST DISPERSED IN AIR MAY BE IGNITED AND BURN RAPIDLY. PLASTIC CONTAINER, IF PRESENT, MAY CAUSE STATIC IGNITION HAZARD. SLIPPERY WHEN WET.

#### **3.2 POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS**

##### **Effects of Single Acute Overexposure**

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**Inhalation** Dust may cause irritation of the respiratory tract, experienced as nasal discomfort and discharge.

**Eye Contact** Dust may cause discomfort in the eye and slight excess redness of the conjunctiva.

**Skin Contact** No evidence of harmful effects from available information.

**Skin Absorption** No evidence of harmful effects from available information.

**Swallowing** No evidence of harmful effects from available information.

### **Chronic, Prolonged or Repeated Overexposure**

**Effects of Repeated Overexposure** This product may contribute to nuisance dusts and possibly to respirable dusts. Avoid breathing dusts.

**Other Effects of Overexposure** None currently known.

### **Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure**

Inhalation of material may aggravate asthma and inflammatory or fibrotic pulmonary disease.

## **3.3 POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS**

See Section 12 for Ecological Information.

## **4. FIRST AID PROCEDURES**

### **4.1 INHALATION**

Remove to fresh air.

### **4.2 EYE CONTACT**

Immediately flush eyes with water and continue washing for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if worn. Obtain medical attention if discomfort persists.

### **4.3 SKIN CONTACT**

Wash skin with soap and water.

### **4.4 SWALLOWING**



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If a large quantity (several ounces) has been swallowed, and if patient is fully conscious, give two glasses of water. Induce vomiting. This should be done only by medical or experienced first-aid personnel. Obtain medical attention.

### **4.5 NOTES TO PHYSICIAN**

Toxicology studies have shown this or similar material to be of very low acute toxicity. There is no specific antidote. Treatment of overexposure should be directed at the control of symptoms and the clinical condition of the patient.

## **5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

### **5.1 FLAMMABLE PROPERTIES**

**Flash Point - Closed Cup:** *No test data available.*

**Flash Point - Open Cup:** *No test data available.*

**Autoignition Temperature:** 400 °C 752 °F , ASTM

#### **Flammable Limits In Air:**

Lower *No test data available.*

Upper *No test data available.*

### **5.2 EXTINGUISHING MEDIA**

Apply water spray (fog), alcohol-type or all-purpose-type foams by manufacturer's recommended techniques for large fires. Use CO2 or dry chemical media for small fires.

### **5.3 EXTINGUISHING MEDIA TO AVOID**

No information currently available.

### **5.4 SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES**

Do not direct a solid stream of water or foam into burning molten material; this may cause spattering and spread the fire.

### **5.5 SPECIAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR FIREFIGHTERS**

Use self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing.

### **5.6 UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS**

Avoid dispersion of dust in the air to reduce potential for dust ignition/rapid burning. Dust is easily ignited; avoid ignition sources. In the presence of flammable gases, liquids, or vapors,

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handle in inert nitrogen-blanketed equipment. Refer to National Fire Protection Association Document NFPA 69 for descriptions of explosion prevention systems.

Static ignition hazard can result from handling and use. Electrically bond and ground all containers, personnel and equipment before transfer or use of material. Special precautions may be necessary to dissipate static electricity for non-conductive containers. Use proper bonding and grounding during product transfer as described in National Fire Protection Association Document NFPA 77.

For CELLOSIZE HEC products in Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers or plastic containers with a capacity greater than 226.8 kg (500 lb), a static ignition hazard can result from handling and use. Non-conductive containers cannot be grounded. For transfers between Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers and another non-conductive container, special precautions may be necessary to dissipate static electricity. For conductive components (containers, personnel, equipment) use proper bonding and grounding during product transfer as described in National Fire Protection Association Document NFPA 77. Refer to National Fire Protection Association Document NFPA 69 for descriptions of explosion prevention systems.

### **5.7 HAZARDOUS COMBUSTION PRODUCTS**

Combustion may produce the following products: Carbon monoxide and/or carbon dioxide. Carbon monoxide is highly toxic if inhaled; carbon dioxide in sufficient concentrations can act as an asphyxiant.

## **6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

### **Steps to be Taken if Material is Released or Spilled:**

FOR SPILL: Cover with absorbent, sweep up, collect and dispose immediately. Will absorb moisture and become slippery. Observe government regulations.

**Personal Precautions:** Wear suitable protective equipment. See Section 8.2 - Personal Protection.

## **7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

### **7.1 HANDLING**

#### **General Handling**

Electrically bond and ground all containers, personnel and equipment before transfer or use of material.

Avoid heat, sparks and flame under dust conditions.

Do not handle or empty in presence of flammable vapor.



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Clean up spills.  
Keep container closed.  
Store and use with adequate ventilation.  
Wash thoroughly after handling.

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**Ventilation**

Special, local ventilation is recommended in areas where containers are opened and their contents are discharged or in any other areas where dusting conditions may develop.

**Other Precautions**

FIBC: For Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers or plastic containers that may hold more than 226.8 kg (500 lb) - before transferring material, ground workers and conductive equipment to dissipate static electricity.

**7.2 STORAGE**

Store in accordance with good industrial practices. Storage information may be obtained from product-specific Storage and Handling Guides, or by calling Dow's Customer Information Group at 1-800-258-2436 (U.S.) or 1-800-331-6451 (Canada).

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION****8.1 EXPOSURE LIMITS**

Component	Exposure Limits	Skin Form
Hydroxyethyl cellulose	10 mg/m3 TWA8 ACGIH	Inhalable Particulate Particulate matter containing no asbestos and crystalline silica <1%
	3 mg/m3 TWA8 ACGIH	Respirable particulate Particulate matter containing no asbestos and crystalline silica <1%
Cellulose	5 mg/m3 TWA8 OSHA 15 mg/m3 TWA8 OSHA 10 mg/m3 TWA8 ACGIH	Respirable fraction Total dust
Ethanedial	5 mg/m3 TWA8 OSHA 15 mg/m3 TWA8 OSHA 0.1 mg/m3 TWA8 AIHA WEEL 0.1 mg/m3 TWA8 ACGIH	Respirable fraction Total dust  Aerosol and Vapor Inhalable fraction

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*In the Exposure Limits Chart above, if there is no specific qualifier (i.e., Aerosol) listed in the Form Column for a particular limit, the listed limit includes all airborne forms of the substance that can be inhaled.*

*A "Yes" in the Skin Column indicates a potential significant contribution to overall exposure by the cutaneous (skin) route, including mucous membranes and the eyes, either by contact with vapors or by direct skin contact with the substance. A "Blank" in the Skin Column indicates that exposure by the cutaneous (skin) route is not a potential significant contributor to overall exposure.*

### **8.2 PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**Respiratory Protection:** Use dust respirator if dusting conditions exist.

**Ventilation:** Special, local ventilation is recommended in areas where containers are opened and their contents are discharged or in any other areas where dusting conditions may develop.

**Eye Protection:** Monogoggles.

**Protective Gloves:** Polyvinyl chloride coated

**Other Protective Equipment:** Eye Bath, Safety Shower

### **8.3 ENGINEERING CONTROLS**

FIBC: For Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers or plastic containers that may hold more than 226.8 kg (500 lb) - before transferring material, ground workers and conductive equipment to dissipate static electricity.

## **9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

**Physical State:** Powder



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**Appearance:** White

**pH:** *No test data available.*

**Solubility in Water (by weight):** *No test data available.*

**Odor:** Mild

**Percent Volatiles:** ~ 5.0 Wt%

**Molecular Weight:** 10000 - 1000000 g/mol

**Boiling Point (760 mmHg):** *No test data available.*

**Freezing Point:** *No test data available.*

**Specific Gravity (H<sub>2</sub>O = 1):** *Not applicable.*

**Vapor Pressure:** *No test data available.*

**Vapor Density (air = 1):** *No test data available.*

**Melting Point:** 200 °C 392 °F Decomposes above

**Bulk Density:** 0.4 - 0.6 g/cm<sup>3</sup> 25 - 37 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>

### **10. STABILITY AND REACTMITY**

**10.1 STABILITY/INSTABILITY** Stable

**10.2 HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION** Will not occur.

**10.3 INHIBITORS/STABILIZERS** Not applicable.

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### **11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

#### **SIGNIFICANT DATA WITH POSSIBLE RELEVANCE TO HUMANS**

Pharmacokinetic and material balance studies have shown that only minor amounts of hydroxyethyl cellulose penetrate the skin under single sustained occluded conditions of cutaneous contact.

### **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

#### **12.1 ENVIRONMENTAL FATE**

Information may be available, call Union Carbide.

#### **12.2 ECOTOXICITY**

Information may be available, call Union Carbide.

#### **12.3 FURTHER INFORMATION**

None.

### **13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **13.1 DISPOSAL**

Landfill where permitted under appropriate Federal, State, and local regulations. Dispose in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local environmental regulations. Empty containers should be recycled or disposed of through an approved waste management facility.

#### **13.2 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**



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See Section 13.1

*Disposal methods identified are for the product as sold. For proper disposal of used material, an assessment must be completed to determine the proper and permissible waste management options permissible under applicable rules, regulations and/or laws governing your location.*

### **14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

#### **14.1 U.S. D.O.T.**

##### **NON-BULK**

**Proper Shipping Name :** NOT REGULATED

##### **BULK**

**Proper Shipping Name :** NOT REGULATED

*This information is not intended to convey all specific regulatory or operational requirements/information relating to this product. Additional transportation system information can be obtained through an authorized sales or customer service representative. It is the responsibility of the transporting organization to follow all applicable laws, regulations and rules relating to the transportation of the material.*

### **15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

#### **15.1 FEDERAL/NATIONAL**

##### **|| OSHA HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD**

**||** This product is not a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

**SUPERFUND AMENDMENTS AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1986 TITLE III (EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RIGHT TO KNOW ACT) SECTION 313**

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This product contains the following substances subject to the reporting requirements of Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act 1986 and 40 CFR Part 372.

To the best of our knowledge this product does not contain chemicals at levels which require reporting under this statute.

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### **COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT OF 1980 (CERCLA) SECTION 103**

This product contains the following substances subject to CERCLA Section 103 reporting requirements and are listed in 40 CFR Part 302.4.

To the best of our knowledge this product does not contain chemicals at levels which require reporting under this statute.

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### **SUPERFUND AMENDMENTS AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1986 TITLE III (EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RIGHT TO KNOW ACT) SECTIONS 302 AND 304**

This product contains the following substances subject to SARA Section 302 reporting requirements and are listed in 40 CFR Part 302.4.

To the best of our knowledge this product does not contain chemicals at levels which require reporting under this statute.

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### **SUPERFUND AMENDMENTS AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1986 TITLE III (EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RIGHT TO KNOW ACT) SECTIONS 311 AND 312**

Delayed (Chronic) Health Hazard : No  
Fire Hazard : No  
Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard : No  
Reactive Hazard : No  
Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard : No

### **TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT (TSCA)**

All components of this product are on the TSCA Inventory or are exempt from TSCA Inventory requirements.

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### **EUROPEAN INVENTORY OF EXISTING COMMERCIAL CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES (EINECS)**



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All components in this product are in compliance with EINECS.

### CEPA - DOMESTIC SUBSTANCES LIST (DSL)

The components of this product are on the DSL or are exempt from reporting under the New Substances Notification Regulations.

## 15.2 STATE/LOCAL

### PENNSYLVANIA (WORKER AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT)

The following product components are cited in the Pennsylvania Hazardous Substance List and/or the Pennsylvania Environmental Substance List, and are present at levels which require reporting.

<b>Component</b>	<b>CAS #</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Cellulose	9004-34-6	<= 1.5000%

### PENNSYLVANIA (WORKER AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT)

The following product components are cited in the Pennsylvania Special Hazardous Substance List, and are present at levels which require reporting.  
To the best of our knowledge this product does not contain chemicals at levels which require reporting under this statute.

### CALIFORNIA SCAQMD RULE 443.1 (SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT RULE 443.1, LABELING OF MATERIALS CONTAINING ORGANIC SOLVENTS)

**VOC:** Volatiles = substances with a vapor pressure greater than 0.5 mmHg @ 104 °C (219.2 °F)  
9.71 g/l  
10.44 g/l of material less exempted compounds

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*This section provides selected regulatory information on this product including its components. This is not intended to include all regulations. It is the responsibility of the user to know and comply with all applicable rules, regulations and laws relating to the product being used.*

### **16. OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **16.1 AVAILABLE LITERATURE AND BROCHURES**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Additional product safety information on this product may be obtained by calling your Dow Customer Service contact. Ask for the brochure:

CELLOSIZE HEC Storage and Handling(report)  
CELLOSIZE HEC in Flexible Intermediate Bulk Container(report)

#### **16.2 SPECIFIC HAZARD RATING SYSTEM**

**HMIS ratings for this product are:** H - 1      F - 1      R - 0

**NFPA ratings for this product are:** H - 1      F - 1      R - 0

*These ratings are part of specific hazard communications program(s) and should be disregarded where individuals are not trained in the use of these hazard rating systems. You should be familiar with the hazard communication applicable to your workplace.*

Additional information on this product may be obtained by calling the The Dow Chemical Company Customer Information Group at 1-800-258-2436 (U.S.) or 1-800-331-6451 (Canada).

#### **16.3 RECOMMENDED USES AND RESTRICTIONS**

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#### **16.4 REVISION**

Version: 3.

Revision: 08/20/2001

Most recent revision(s) are noted by the bold, double bars in left-hand margin throughout this document.



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### **16.5 LEGEND**

A	Asphyxiant
Bacterial/NA	Non Acclimated Bacteria
F	Fire
H	Health
HMIS	Hazardous Materials Information System
N/A	Not available
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
O	Oxidizer
P	Peroxide Former
R	Reactivity
TS	Trade Secret
VOL/VOL	Volume/Volume
W	Water Reactive
W/W	Weight/Weight

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## I. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Foam

PRODUCT NAME.....: Flexible Polyurethane Foam  
CHEMICAL FAMILY.....: Flexible Polyurethane  
CHEMICAL NAME.....: Finished Goods - Commodities

## II. HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

Not Applicable - Flexible Polyurethane foam is a fully reacted polymer

## III. PHYSICAL DATA

APPEARANCE.....: Solid  
COLOR.....: Will vary with the addition of Pigments  
ODOR.....: None-Fully Reacted Polymer  
SPECIFIC GRAVITY.....: Will vary with type of foam  
BULK DENSITY.....: Will vary with type of foam  
SOLUBILITY IN WATER.....: Insoluble  
% VOLATILE BY VOLUME.....: None

## IV. FIRE & EXPLOSION DATA

FLASH POINT °F(°C).....: Solid Material - Not Applicable  
EXTINGUISHING MEDIA.....: Water, Foam, Dry Chemical  
SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES/UNUSUAL FIRE OR EXPLOSION HAZARDS:  
Full emergency equipment with a self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing should be worn by fire-fighters. During a fire, irritating vapors and toxic gases will be generated.

## V. HEALTH EFFECTS DATA

### ANIMAL TOXICITY -

#### ORAL, LD50

(INGESTION).....: Ingestion of polyurethane foam by rats in amounts equivalent to 7.5 grams/kilogram eaten over a five day period caused no outward evidence of toxicity.

### HUMAN EFFECTS

OF OVEREXPOSURE.....: No adverse health effects have been observed. Human experience indicates no irritation upon skin contact with polyurethane foam.



VII. EMPLOYEE PROTECTION RECOMMENDATIONS

EYE PROTECTION.....: None-Required During Handling  
SKIN PROTECTION.....: None-Required  
RESPIRATORY PROTECTION...: None-Required  
VENTILATION.....: None-Required  
OTHER.....: Safety glasses are advisable when sawing foam.  
Respiratory protection is recommended when cutting or shaping foam with a hot wire.

VIII. REACTIVITY DATA

STABILITY.....: Stable  
POLYMERIZATION.....: Will not occur  
INCOMPATIBILITY  
(MATERIALS TO AVOID)...: None  
HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION  
PRODUCTS.....: Burning polyurethane foams produce toxic decomposition products which are not significantly different from those of other nitrogen-containing polymer, such as wool, leather, nylon and ABS. The major toxicants are carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen, hydrogen cyanide and irritants

IX. SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES

STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN CASE MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED: Collect as normal solid waste.  
WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD: Sanitary Landfill

X. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS & STORAGE DATA

SPECIAL SENSITIVITY  
(HEAT, LIGHT, MOISTURE): Store away from sparks, flames or other ignition sources.  
PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN  
IN HANDLING AND STORING: Store polyurethane foam in areas equipped with sprinkler system. For additional information, consult NIOSH Publication 76-154, "Urethane Foams-Good Practices for Employees Health and Safety."

XI. SHIPPING DATA

APPROVED BY.....: K.S. Booth/J.H. Chapman  
TITLE.....: Polyurethane Division Industrial Hygiene  
DATE APPROVED.....: 4/18/85