

**Safety Data Sheet**

For Compliance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200 and ANSI Z400.1-1998

**Section 1: Identification****Product Name** Microcrystalline Cellulose/CMC Na NF**Commercial Name** Avicel RC-591**Product Use** Not available**Restrictions On Use** Not available**Product Code** 30-2460**Company** PCCA  
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**CHEMTREC (24hr) 1-800-424-9300****Section 2: Hazard(s) Identification****OSHA Haz Com:** This mixture is classified as not hazardous according to regulation (EC) 1272/2008 [CLP]**CFR 1910.1200****Signal Word** NON-HAZARDOUS**Hazard Statement(s)** Not available.**Pictogram(s) or Symbol(s)****Precautionary Statement(s):****Prevention** Not available.**Response** Not available**Storage** Not available**Disposal** Not available**Section 3: Composition/Information on Ingredients****Substance/Mixture** Mixture**Components** Microcrystalline Cellulose, Sodium Carboxymethylcellulose**% By Weight** Microcrystalline Cellulose:N/A, Sodium Carboxymethylcellulose:N/A**CAS#** 9004-34-6, 9004-32-4**Molecular Weight** Not available.**Chemical Formula** Not available.**Synonym(s)** MCC; Cellulose Gel; Sodium Carboxymethylcellulose: NaCMC, CMC, SCMC, Carboxymethylcellulose, Carboxymethyl Ether, Sodium CMC, Sodium Salt, Cellulose Gum**Mixtures**

<b>Name</b>	<b>CAS#</b>	<b>% by Weight</b>	<b>TLV/PEL</b>	<b>LC50/LD50</b>
Microcrystalline Cellulose	9004-34-6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sodium Carboxymethylcellulose	9004-32-4	N/A	N/A	N/A

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**Section 4: First-Aid Measures**

<b>Inhalation</b>	Remove person to fresh air. If breathing is difficult or if discomfort occurs and persists, obtain medical attention.
<b>Skin Contact</b>	Wash with water and soap as a precaution
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water, also under the eyelids. Get medical attention if eye irritation develops or persists.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Drink plenty of water. Get medical attention if symptoms occur
<b>Symptoms/Effects</b>	
<b>Acute</b>	Difficulty breathing. Cough
<b>Delayed</b>	Difficulty breathing. Cough

**Immediate Medical Attention**

Aspiration or inhalation of this product could cause chemical pneumonitis. Treatment is symptomatic and supportive.

**Section 5: Fire-Fighting Measures****Suitable Extinguishing Media**

Use water spray, alcohol-resistant foam, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

**Unsuitable Extinguishing Media**

None known.

**Products of Combustion**

Avoid dust formation. Fine dust dispersed in air, in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard

**Firefighters Special Equipment and Precautions**

Wear self-contained breathing apparatus and protective suit. Use personal protective equipment.

**Section 6: Accidental Release Measures**

Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., cleaning dust surfaces with compressed air.). Avoid breathing dust. Powder may become slippery when wet. Methods for Containment: 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. Methods for cleaning up: Sweep, vacuum or shovel into suitable containers for disposal. Nonsparking tools should be used. Washdown water is not recommended. Powder may become slippery when wet

**Section 7: Handling and Storage**

Handling: Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Routine housekeeping should be instituted to ensure that dusts do not accumulate on surfaces. Dry powdered material can build static electricity when subjected to the friction of transfer and mixing operations. Provide adequate precautions, such as electrical grounding and bonding, or inert atmosphere. Ensure adequate ventilation. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment if release of airborne dust is expected. Hygiene measures: Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Storage: Store at less than 25 °C, in tightly closed containers. Keep out of direct sunlight. Store in dry environment away from heat and sources of ignition, i.e., steam pipes, radiant heaters, hot air vents or welding sparks. Do not store with strong smelling materials.

**Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection**

<b>Exposure Limits</b>	Not available
<b>Engineering Controls</b>	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 or an oxygen-deficient environment. Use only appropriately classified electrical equipment and powered industrial trucks.

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**Personal Protection**

Eye/Face Protection: Safety glasses. Hand Protection: Protective gloves. Skin and Body Protection: Minimize skin contamination by following good industrial hygiene practices. Respiratory Protection: Local nuisance dust standards apply. In case of insufficient ventilation wear suitable respiratory equipment. General information: Protective engineering solutions should be implemented and in use. These recommendations apply to the product as supplied. If the product is used in mixtures, contact an appropriate protective equipment supplier or industrial hygienist for more information.

**Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties**

<b>Appearance</b>	Off-white Free flowing powder Dry powder		
<b>Odor</b>	Odorless.		
<b>Odor Threshold</b>	Not available		
<b>Melting Point</b>	Not available.	<b>pH</b>	6.0 - 8.0
<b>Freezing Point</b>	Not available	<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	Not available.
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	Not available.	<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not available.
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	Not available	<b>Viscosity</b>	Not available.
<b>Partition Coefficient: n-octanol/water</b>	Not available	<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flash Point</b>	Not available.	<b>Autoignition temperature</b>	Not applicable
<b>Flammability</b>	Not applicable	<b>Flammability or Explosive Limits:</b>	
		<b>Lower</b>	Not available
		<b>Upper</b>	Not available
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	Not available		
<b>Other</b>	Kst >0 bar m/s		

**Section 10: Stability and Reactivity**

<b>Reactivity</b>	Not available
<b>Chemical Stability</b>	Stable under recommended storage conditions
<b>Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerization will not occur.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Dust formation. Excessive heat. Humid air. Sparks
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	Oxidizing agents. Strong acids.
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Carbon monoxide (CO) and Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )

**Section 11: Toxicological Information**

<b>RTECS</b>	Not available.
<b>Acute Toxicity</b>	Not available.
<b>Skin Corrosion/Irritation</b>	Not available
<b>Serious Eye Damage/Irritation</b>	Not available
<b>Respiratory or Skin Sensitization</b>	Not available
<b>Germ Cell Mutagenicity</b>	Not available
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	Not available
<b>Reproductive Toxicity</b>	This product does not contain any known or suspected reproductive hazards
<b>Routes of Entry</b>	Not available.
<b>Symptoms Related to Exposure</b>	None noted in chronic animal studies.

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**Potential Health Effects**

Aspiration may cause chemical pneumonitis. Excessive inhalation of dust can mechanically impede respiration

**Target Organ(s)** None noted in chronic animal studies.**Section 12: Ecological Information****Ecotoxicity**

Not available

**Persistence and Degradability**

Expected to biodegrade, based on component information.

**Bioaccumulative Potential**

Bioaccumulation is unlikely

**Mobility in Soil**

Not available

**Other Adverse Effects**

None known

**Section 13: Disposal Considerations****Waste Disposal**

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations

**Disposal of Container**

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations

**Other Considerations**

Not available.

**Section 14: Transport Information****DOT Classification**

Not a DOT controlled material (United States). This material is not classified dangerous good according to international transportation regulations (ADR/RID-IMDG-ICAO/IATA).

**Section 15: Regulatory Information****Regulations**

Not available.

**Other**

Not available.

**Section 16: Other Information**

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)