

## ABSTRACT

An object of the present technology is to provide a novel thickening composition which can thicken a liquid without forming lumps.

The present technology provides a powdery thickening composition comprising xanthan gum, wherein when particle size measurement is performed on the composition by laser diffraction particle size analysis, the proportion of the number of particles having a particle size of more than 75  $\mu\text{m}$  and not more than 150  $\mu\text{m}$  is not more than 50% of the total number of particles, and the proportion of the number of particles having a particle size of more than 150  $\mu\text{m}$  and not more than 250  $\mu\text{m}$  is not less than 15% of the total number of particles. The thickening composition can thicken a liquid without forming lumps.