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(54) **Fabric softening composition.**

(57) A fabric softening composition is provided which comprises:

- (i) an amphoteric fabric softening material;
- (ii) a nonionic cellulose ether having a gel point of less than 58° C, an HLB of between 3.1 and 4.3, said cellulose ether being substituted with C₁₋₃ alkyl and/or hydroxyalkyl groups;

said composition preferably having a pH of between 1.5 and 6.0 at a concentration of 1 g/l of amphoteric softening material in water at 25° C.

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