

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

Ajinomoto Co., Inc.

1.2 What is/are the primary activity(ies) or product(s) of your organization?

- Oil Palm Growers
 - Palm Oil Processors and/or Traders
 - Consumer Goods Manufacturers
 - Retailers
 - Banks and Investors
 - Social or Development Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)
 - Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)
 - Affiliate Members
 - Supply Chain Associate
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1.3 Membership number

4-0284-12-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Ordinary

1.5 Membership sector

Consumer Goods Manufacturers

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Operational Profile

1.1 Please state what your main activity(ies) is/are within manufacturing

- End-product manufacturer
- Food Goods
- Home & Personal Care Goods
- Own-brand-Manufacturer
- Manufacturing on behalf of other third party brands

Operations and Certification Progress

2.1 Please include details of all operations using palm oil, majority owned and/or managed by the member and/or related entities

2.1.1 In which markets where you operate, do you manufacture goods with palm oil and oil palm products?

- Applies Globally

2.1.2 In which markets where you operate, do you calculate how much palm oil and oil palm product there is in the goods you manufacture?

- Applies Globally

2.2 Volumes of palm oil and oil palm products (Tonnes)

2.2.1 Total volume of Crude and Refined Palm Oil used in the year (Tonnes)

21,829

2.2.2 Total volume of Crude and Refined Palm Kernel Oil used in the year (Tonnes)

5,508

2.2.3 Total volume of Palm Kernel Expeller used in the year (Tonnes)

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2.2.4 Total volume of other palm-based Derivatives and Fractions used in the year (Tonnes)

6,900

2.2.5 Total volume of all palm oil and oil palm products used in the year (Tonnes)

34,237

2.3 Volume of palm oil and oil palm products used in the year in your own brand products that are RSPO-certified (in tonnes):

Description	Crude and Refined Palm Oil	Crude and Refined Palm Kernel Oil	Palm Kernel Expeller	Other palm-based derivatives and fractions
2.3.1 Book and Claim from Mill / Crusher*	-	1,360.00	-	-
2.3.2 Book and Claim from Independent Smallholder*	-	-	-	-
2.3.3 Mass Balance	274.00	-	-	2,088.00
2.3.4 Segregated	-	-	-	-
2.3.5 Identity Preserved	-	-	-	-
2.3.6 Total volume	274.00	1,360.00	-	2,088.00

2.4 Volume of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products sold to other RSPO certified companies ? (in tonnes)

Description	Crude and Refined Palm Oil	Crude and Refined Palm Kernel Oil	Palm Kernel Expeller	Other palm-based derivatives and fractions
2.4.1 Book and Claim from Mill / Crusher	-	-	-	-
2.4.2 Book and Claim from Independent Smallholder	-	-	-	-
2.4.3 Mass Balance	-	-	-	-
2.4.4 Segregated	-	-	-	-
2.4.5 Identity Preserved	-	-	-	-
2.4.6 Total volume	-	-	-	-

2.5 What is the percentage of RSPO Certified Sustainable Palm Oil in the total palm oil used by your company in the following regions:

2.5.1 Africa	--
2.5.2 Australasia	--
2.5.3 China	--
2.5.4 Europe (incl.Russia)	63%
2.5.5 India	--
2.5.6 North America	--
2.5.7 South America	--
2.5.8 Indonesia	--
2.5.9 Malaysia	--
2.5.10 Middle East	--
2.5.11 Rest of Asia	32%

Time-Bound Plan**3.1 Date of first supply chain certification (planned or achieved)**

2015

Comment:

Ajinomoto Co., Inc., the parent company of the Ajinomoto Group, achieved the first SCCS among the Group for its specialty chemicals business as well as processed foods business in Japan.

3.2 Date expected to/or started to use any RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products in your own brand products

2014

If target has not been met, please explain why:

Ajinomoto Co., Inc., the parent company of the Ajinomoto Group, started to use the first CSPO (MB, B&C) among the Group in Japan.

3.2.1 Referring to 3.2, in which markets where you operate do these commitments cover?**3.3 Date expected to be using 100% RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products from any supply chain option in your own brand products**

2020

If target has not been met, please explain why:

Applicable for the global Ajinomoto Group as an ambitious target to show the Group's serious commitment towards sustainable palm oil, provided that procurement of certified sustainable palm oil products is practical in business sense. As for reality of the current situation, accessibility or availability of CSPO/CSPKO products is quite limited particularly in some developing countries and regions where the Group procures majority of its palm oil products use. There are great difficulties particularly on CSPKO products, too. Also, the price of CSPO/CSPKO products sometimes soars to unfeasible level. In case that certified sustainable palm oil products cannot be fully used, we try to cover the non-CSPO/CSPKO products by various measures which we consider effective to secure sustainability on palm oil to some extent.

3.4 Date expected to be using 100% RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products from physical supply chains (Identity Preserved, Segregated and/or Mass Balance) in your own brand products

2030

If target has not been met, please explain why:

Applicable for the global Ajinomoto Group as an ambitious target to show the Group's serious commitment towards sustainable palm oil, provided that procurement of physical certified sustainable palm oil products is practical in business sense. As for reality of the current situation, in some countries and regions, supply chains of physical CSPO/CSPKO products which meet our necessary quality specifications/standards are not established yet until now and are possibly not expected to be established in near future. There are so many difficulties and uncertainties in the supply chains. In case that our palm oil products use cannot be fully covered by physical certified sustainable palm oil or B&C, we try to cover the non-CSPO/CSPKO products by various measures which we consider effective to secure sustainability on palm oil to some extent.

3.5 Referring to 3.3 and 3.4, In which markets where you operate do these commitments cover?

Applies Globally

3.6 Does your company use RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products in goods you manufacture on behalf of other companies?

Yes

3.7 Does your company have a Time-Bound Plan to only use RSPO certified palm oil and oil palm products in the goods you manufacture on behalf of other companies?

Yes

3.8 When do you expect all products you manufacture to only contain RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products?

2030

Trademark Related**4.1 Do you use or plan to use the RSPO Trademark on your own brand of products?**

No

Please explain why

No customers and consumers request RSPO trademark on the product.

Actions for Next Reporting Period**5.1 Outline actions that you will take in the coming year to promote the use of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products along the supply chain**

The Ajinomoto Group has just started its integrated global group-wide management on palm oil with the global group plan & target towards sustainable palm oil. However, the Group uses palm oil products in different specifications in various business categories such as from processed foods to specialty chemicals, as well as in many countries and regions including developed and developing countries. Situations concerning sustainable palm oil differ very much in business categories and in countries. Thus, we take various available measures which we consider effective to promote sustainable palm oil depending on respective circumstances. Basically, we try to secure steady progress of SCCS certification and MB sourcing. Also, we will be actively engaged in establishing supply chains of CSPO through collaboration with supply chain and governmental stakeholders. Particularly in Japan, we will engage in business initiatives towards mainstreaming CSPO in Japan, as well as dissemination & awareness raising campaigns.

Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information**6.1 If you have not disclosed any of the above information, please indicate the reasons why**

Other

- Others:

N/A

Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors

7.1 Related to your sourcing, do you have (a) policy/ies, that are in line with the RSPO P&C such as:

- Water, land, energy and carbon footprints
Uploaded file: --
Related link: www.ajinomoto.com/en/activity/csr/pdf/2017/ajinomoto_csr17-en.pdf
- Land Use Rights
Uploaded file: --
Related link: [/www.ajinomoto.com/en/activity/csr/report/index.html](http://www.ajinomoto.com/en/activity/csr/report/index.html)
- Ethical conduct and human rights
Uploaded file: --
Related link: www.ajinomoto.com/en/activity/policy/human_rights_policy.html
- Labour rights
Uploaded file: --
Related link: www.ajinomoto.com/en/activity/policy/occupational_safety_and_health_policies.html
- Stakeholder engagement
Uploaded file: --
Related link: www.ajinomoto.com/en/activity/policy/occupational_safety_and_health_policies.html
- None of the above

7.2 What best practice guidelines or information has your organization provided in the past year to facilitate the uptake of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products? What languages are these guidelines available in?**Comment:**

Ajinomoto Group Principles and Ajinomoto Group Sustainability Data Book 2017 are available in English and in Japanese.
Related link: [/www.ajinomoto.com/en/activity/csr/report/index.html](http://www.ajinomoto.com/en/activity/csr/report/index.html)

7.3 Your answers above indicate that you are not yet using 100% RSPO certified palm oil and oil palm products. Do you have plans to immediately cover the gap using Book & Claim?

No

Please explain why

Because B&C does not secure the traceability of the products.

GHG Footprint**8.1 Are you currently reporting any GHG footprint?**

Yes

Related link: www.ajinomoto.com/en/activity/csr/pdf/2017/ajinomoto_csr17-en.pdf

Support for Smallholders**9.1 Are you currently supporting any independent smallholder groups?**

No

Do you have any future plans to support independent smallholders?

Yes, in 2019

Challenges

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

As a user of palm oil derived raw materials, who is positioned in rather downstream side along palm oil related long supply chain, our accessibility to CSPO depends very much on preparedness of our suppliers. Also, as an end product & consumer goods manufacturer, awareness and strong support by general consumers are necessary. Unfortunately, both of them are quite poor at this moment. In some developing countries where we procure dominant volume of our palm oil products use, establishment of RSPO scheme itself is far behind and CSPO is not practically available. Also, prices of CSPO sometimes roar to unfeasible level. Particularly, CSPKO products have many difficulties. We have been actively engaged ourselves in business initiatives in Japan, and have been promoting dissemination & awareness raising campaigns.

2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP how has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets in other ways? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

As a global leading industry member worldwide and in Japan, we are active in transforming the world towards sustainable way. As for palm related field, for example, Ajinomoto Co., Inc. is an executive steering member of Japan Business Initiative for Biodiversity (JBIB) which actively promotes sustainable business model among Japanese business community. Sustainability of palm oil is one of the issues, off course. Ajinomoto Co., Inc. has been working together with NGOs, particularly with WWF Japan, in the field of forest ecosystem conservation which naturally involves strong support to RSPO's vision. Ajinomoto Co., Inc. has been the core leading member of All-Japan-Collaborative Initiatives consisting of industry members and NGOs. Ajinomoto Co., Inc. took the Vice-Chair post at the Japan Sustainable Palm Oil Conference held in November 2017 in Tokyo. We also work hard with Green Purchasing Network as well as The Consumer Goods Forum to promote sustainable palm oil, as a core leader member

3 File -Please attach or add links to any other information from your organisation on your policies and actions on palm oil (EG: sustainability reports, policies, other public information)

- No files were uploaded

Link: www.ajinomoto.com/en/activity/csr/pdf/2017/ajinomoto_csr17-en.pdf
