

Particulars

Organisation Name	Ajinomoto Co., Inc.		
Corporate Website Address	http://www.ajinomoto.com/en/		
Primary Activity or Product	Manufacturer		
Related Company(ies)	Company	Primary Activity	RSPO Member
	Ajinomoto Frozen Foods Co., Inc. (for example)	Manufacturer	No
Country Operations	Japan		
Membership Number	4-0284-12-000-00		
Membership Type	Ordinary Members		
Membership Category	Consumer Goods Manufacturers		

Consumer Goods Manufacturers

Operational Profile

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

- End-product manufacturer
- Ingredient manufacturer
- Food Goods
- Own-brand

- Food goods

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- Home and personal care goods

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Operations and Certification Progress

2.1 Do you have a system for calculating how much palm oil and palm oil products you use?

Yes

2.2.1 Do you manufacture for:

Own Brand

2.2.2 Total volume of Refined Palm Oil or RBD Palm Oil used in the year:

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2.2.3 Total volume of Palm Kernel Oil used in the year:

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2.2.4 Total volume of other Palm Oil Derivatives and Fractions used in the year:

3090.00

2.2.5 Total volume of all palm oil products you used in the year:

3090.00

2.3 Palm oil volume used in the year in your own brands that is sourced through RSPO-certified physical supply chains:

In Your Own Brand

No	Description	Refined palm oil/RBD palm oil (Tonnes)	Palm Kernel Oil (Tonnes)	Palm based derivatives or fractions (Tonnes)
1	Book & Claim			100.00
2	Mass Balance			
3	Segregated			
4	Identity Preserved			
5	Total volume of palm oil handled that is RSPO-certified			100.00

2.4.1 Volume of Palm Kernel Expeller used/ handled:

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2.4.2 What type of products do you use CSPO for?

Processed foods

2.5 Do you plan to ask your suppliers if the palm oil supplied comes from growers who disclose their GHG emissions within the RSPO P&C 5.6 & 7.8?

Yes

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Report on supplier who disclose their GHG emissions within the RSPO P&C 5.6 & 7.8

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Time-Bound Plan

3.1 Date expected to/or started to use any RSPO certified palm oil products - own brand

2014

3.2 Date expected to be using 100% RSPO certified palm oil products from any supply chain option - own brand

2018

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

2018

3.4 Do your (own brand) commitments cover your company's companies' global use of palm oil?

No

3.5 Does your company use palm oil in products in goods you manufacture on behalf of other companies?

No

When do you expect to actively promote the use of certified sustainable palm oil in other manufacturers' brands that you sell?

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3.6 Which countries that your organization operates in do the above commitments cover?

Japan

3.7 What are your interim milestones towards achieving RSPO certification commitment to your own-brands (year and progressive CSPO%) - please state annual targets/strategies

2014: We already started to use B&C gradually, and expect to achieve dominant amount (%) within this FY. We started to be certified with SCCS certification for main product/business categories. We also have been studying to source MB, and expect to achieve approx. 50% and more of our total palm oil use in this FY. In order to do so, we have been continuing communication with supply chain stakeholders. We requested the raw material supplier of our major products to be prepared for CSPO supply and SCCS certification.

2015-2018: Try to increase CSPO volume stepwise, according to the CSPO availability as well as business strategy (ie, competitiveness, for example.)

2018: Interim target year to achieve CSPO full use.

3.8 Date of first supply chain certification (planned or achieved)

2014

Trademark Related

4.1 Do you use or plan to use the RSPO trademark on your own brand products?

Yes

- Please state for which product range(s) you intend to apply the Trademark and when you plan to start

2014

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GHG Emissions

5.1 Do you publicly report the GHG emissions of your operations?

Yes

- Please upload related report:

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- Add link to website

<http://www.ajinomoto.com/en/activity/csr/report/> [Click here to visit the URL](#)

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5.2 Does your company have a public commitment to only purchase palm oil from suppliers that disclose their GHG emissions?

Yes

- Please upload related report:

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Actions for Next Reporting Period

6.1 Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil.

To secure steady progress of SCCS certification and MB sourcing.
To be actively engaged in business initiatives towards mainstreaming CSPO in Japan, as well as dissemination & awareness raising campaigns.

Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information

7.1 If you have not disclosed any of the above information, please indicate the reasons why

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- Others:

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Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors

8.1 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
- Land Use Rights
- Ethical conduct and human rights
- Labour rights
- Stakeholder engagement

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8.2 What steps will/has your organization taken to support these policies?

We are committed to promote sustainable consumption and production. We think that supply-chain management is essential to reduce burdens on environmental and social footprints in conjunction with resource procurement. Thus, we are implementing CSR Procurement practices through collaboration with our suppliers and supply-chain stakeholders in order to secure sustainable sourcing of raw materials. We have established our CSR Procurement Guidelines applicable for both ourselves and suppliers. For Ajinomoto Group whose businesses depend very much on bounty of nature and natural resources, sustainability of ecosystems and related communities are fundamental.

Commitments to CSPO uptake

As you don't source 100% CSPO through physical supply chains (IP/SG/MB), please answer the following questions:

Do you have plans to?

Yes

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9.1 Do you have plans to immediately cover the gap using Book & Claim?

Yes

- How and when do you plan to immediately cover the gap using Book & Claim?

We have already started to use B&C gradually. We expect to achieve dominant amount within FY2014.

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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 Japan. We have been actively engaged ourselves in business initiatives in Japan, and have been promoting dissemination & awareness raising campaigns.

2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

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Cost Effective:

Yes

Robust:

Yes

Simpler to Comply to:

similar

3 How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

As a global leading industry member 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.

4 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information):

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