

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

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

- Applies Globally

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

Yes

2.1.3 Does this system only cover your own-brand or all the brands you manufacture?

all-brand

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

- Applies Globally

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

22,500

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

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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)

12,500

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

35,000

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 & Claim	-	-	-	770.00
2.3.2 Mass Balance	-	-	-	1,362.00
2.3.3 Segregated	-	-	-	-
2.3.4 Identity Preserved	-	-	-	-
2.3.5 Total volume	-	-	-	2,132.00

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 & Claim	-	-	-	-
2.4.2 Mass Balance	-	-	-	-
2.4.3 Segregated	-	-	-	-
2.4.4 Identity Preserved	-	-	-	-
2.4.5 Total volume	-	-	-	-

2.5 What is the percentage of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products in the total volume used by your company in the following regions:

2.5.1 Africa	--
2.5.2 Australasia	--
2.5.3 China	--
2.5.4 Europe	1%
2.5.5 India	--
2.5.6 North America	--
2.5.7 South America	7%
2.5.8 Indonesia	--
2.5.9 Malaysia	--
2.5.10 Middle East	--
2.5.11 Rest of Asia	92%

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

Comment:

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

3.3 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

Comment:

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.

The expected target date was revised in ACOP 2016 from the previously reported "2018" in ACOP 2015, because the applicable boundary scope of the Group's target was expanded to the whole global Group's business activities, while the previous scope was applicable only for Japan and Poland.

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

Comment:

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.

The expected target date was revised in ACOP 2016 from the previously reported "2020" in ACOP 2015, because the applicable boundary scope of the Group's target was expanded to the whole global Group's business activities, while the previous scope was applicable only for Japan and Poland.

3.5 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 sustainable palm oil and oil palm products in the goods you manufacture on behalf of other companies brands?

Yes

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

No

Please explain why

As for B2B products, there are no requirements from our customers.

As for B2C products, at least at this moment, it is not practical if considering poor market awareness. However, we may adequately start to use the RSPO trademark when the situation of the market awareness is improved to some extent while we do market/public awareness raising campaign with various stakeholders.

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**

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- Others:

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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
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- Land Use Rights
 - Uploaded file: --
 - Related link: <https://www.ajinomoto.com/en/activity/csr/report/index.html>
- Ethical conduct and human rights
 - Uploaded file: --
 - Related link: <https://www.ajinomoto.com/en/activity/csr/report/index.html>
- Labour rights
 - Uploaded file: --
 - Related link: <https://www.ajinomoto.com/en/activity/csr/report/index.html>
- Stakeholder engagement
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 - Related link: <https://www.ajinomoto.com/en/activity/csr/report/index.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?

Ajinomoto Group Sustainability Data Book 2016.
In English and in Japanese.

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GHG Emissions

8.1 Are you currently assessing the GHG emissions from your operations?

Yes

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

Yes

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Support for Smallholders

9.1 Are you currently supporting any independent smallholder groups?

Yes

Actually, Ajinomoto Group as the whole doesn't support independent smallholder groups by itself alone at this moment. However, some group companies are trying to study feasibility jointly as members of collaborative initiatives by industry groups and NGOs in some countries depending respective circumstances.

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 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 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 first RSPO-authorized event in Japan, "RSPO Japan Day 2016" held in September 2016 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 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information)

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