

Particulars

Organisation Name	Ajinomoto Co., Inc.		
Corporate Website Address	http://www.ajinomoto.com/		
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		
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Related Information

Other information on palm oil:

Ajinomoto Group is committed to contribute to global environment & social sustainability. Conservation of biodiversity and sustainable use of ecosystem services is one of the most fundamental initiatives towards global sustainability as well as business sustainability, which includes sustainability issues on palm oil.

Please refer to the documents below for details.

*Ajinomoto Group Sustainability Homepage: [Click here to visit the URL](#)

*Ajinomoto Group Sustainability Report: [Click here to visit the URL](#)

*Ajinomoto Group Environmental Philosophy and Basic Environmental Policies: [Click here to visit the URL](#)

*Ajinomoto Group Biodiversity Policy and Action Agenda: [Click here to visit the URL](#)

*Pursuing CSR Procurement (Sustainable Procurement of Palm Oil):

[Click here to visit the URL](#)

Reporting Period	01 April 2012 - 31 March 2013
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Consumer Goods Manufacturers

Operational Profile

1. Main activities within manufacturing

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

Operations and Certification Progress

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

Yes

Total volume of all palm oil products used in the year in your own brand products:

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3.1. Total volume of Crude Palm Oil used in the year:

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3.2. Total volume of Palm Kernel Oil used in the year:

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

2850

3.4. Total volume of all palm oil and palm oil derived products you used in the year:

2850

4. Volume of Crude Palm Oil used in the year in your own brand products that is RSPO-certified

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4.1. Book & Claim

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4.2. Mass Balance

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4.3. Segregated

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4.4. Identity Preserved

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4.5. Total volume of Crude Palm Oil used that is RSPO-certified:

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5. Volume of Palm Kernel Oil used in the year in your own brand products that is RSPO-certified:

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5.1. Book & Claim

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5.2. Mass Balance

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5.3. Segregated

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5.4. Identity Preserved

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5.5. Total volume of Palm Kernel Oil handled that is RSPO-certified:

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6. Volume of all other palm-based derivatives and fractions used in the year in your own brand products that is RSPO-certified:

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6.1. Book & Claim

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6.2. Mass Balance

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6.3. Segregated

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6.4. Identity Preserved

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6.5. Total volume of palm-based derivatives and fractions used that is RSPO-certified:

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7. What type of products do you use CSPO for?

Not applicable (No use)

8. Do you 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

Suppliers report that palm oil supplied comes from growers who disclose their GHG emissions within the RSPO P&C 5.6 & 7.8

[M-GHG-Grower-Emissions-Report.pdf](#)

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Time-Bound Plan

9. Date expected to/or started to use any RSPO certified oil palm products – own brand

2014

10. Date expected to be using 100% RSPO certified oil palm products from any supply chain option– own brand

2018

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

2018

12. Do your (own brand) commitments cover your companies' global use of palm oil?

No

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

No

14. Date expected to actively communicate to promote the use of certified sustainable palm oil in other manufacturers' brands that you sell.

2014

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

Japan

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

2013:

We are communicating with major suppliers of palm oil-derived raw materials towards CSPO introduction while discussing concrete roadmaps for respective product/business category, among internal members as well as supply chain stakeholders. We requested the raw material supplier of our anionic surfactant products to be prepared for CSPO supply and SCCS certification.

2014:

Start partially use of CSPO, if its supply is ready by suppliers.

2014-2018:

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.

Actions for Next Reporting Period

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

We started preparation for SCCS-certification on our own process of anionic surfactant products with the target of being certified in 2013-2014.
Start partially use of CSPO, if its supply is ready by suppliers.

18. Do you publicly report the GHG emissions of your operations?

Yes

Public report of GHG emissions on operations

[M-GHG-Emissions-Report.pdf](#)

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Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information

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

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- Other reason:

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Trademark Related

20. Do you use or plan to use the RSPO trademark on any of your products?

Yes

If yes, when will you start?

2014

21. Do you undertake or support any other projects related to sustainable palm oil that have not been captured in this report?

Yes

Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors

22. Related to your sourcing, do you have (a) policy/ies, that are in line with the RSPO P&C?

- Water, land, energy and carbon footprints
- Land Use Rights
- Ethical conduct and human rights
- Labour rights
- Stakeholder engagement

- Water, land, energy and carbon footprints policy

[M-Policies-to-PNC-waterland.pdf](#)

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- Land use rights policy[M-Policies-to-PNC-landuseright.pdf](#)

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- Ethical conduct and human rights policy[M-Policies-to-PNC-ethicalconducthr.pdf](#)

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- Labour rights policy[M-Policies-to-PNC-laborrights.pdf](#)

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- Stakeholder engagement policy[M-Policies-to-PNC-stakeholderengagement.pdf](#)

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23. What steps will your organization take to minimize its resource footprints?

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. For Ajinomoto Group whose businesses depend very much on bounty of nature and natural resources, sustainability of ecosystems and related communities are fundamental.

24. What steps will your organization take to realize ethical conduct using business-applicable regulations and industry practices?

Ajinomoto Co. Inc. has signed to the UN Global Compact and is referring to ISO26000. We have our own Philosophy & Principles, Code of Conduct, Regulations, Guidelines, etc. which involve sustainability/CSR issues in line with global "21st century" standards. Also, we'll introduce our own voluntary initiatives into some strategic areas if necessary, considering our uniqueness of our businesses.

25. Has your company supported any community programmes on its own or through partnerships? How do you benchmark the impacts of these programmes?

We have many programmes and initiatives towards global environment & social sustainability, worldwide. We recognize the importance of collaboration/involvement/engagement of/with various stakeholders. Also, considering the nature of our businesses of food, nutrient & health, we think that our initiatives in BOP and developing countries and regions are particularly important.

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26. Are you sourcing 100% physical CSPO?

No

26.1. Please details your organization's plan to cover sourced palm oil and palm kernel oil, which is not yet segregated or identity preserved, through Mass Balance. If you have not committed to sourcing 100% of palm products under the Mass Balance supply chain system until the goal of 100% segregated or identity preserved CSPO can be achieved, please explain why.

Though our final goal is full use of physical CSPO, we are still at very beginning stage of the pursuit (no use, in fact). We are now eagerly learning what practical challenges exist along the long supply chain of our sourcing materials through collaboration with our supply chain stakeholders. It is still too difficult for us to describe our responsible concrete plan towards 100% physical CSPO, now.

Challenges

1. Significant economic, social or environmental obstacles

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.

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:

Yes

3. How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets?

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.
