Sustainable Materials Sourcing

Approach

GRI204-DMA

▶ Group Shared Policy on Better Mutual Relationship with Animals

Animal Welfare

Animal-derived ingredients such as meat, eggs, and extracts are essential to Ajinomoto Group food products. Meanwhile, interest in animal welfare (animal husbandry practices that seek to provide a healthy life by minimizing stress and satisfying behavioral needs during the animals' lifetime) in the raising of livestock is on the rise.

The Group has published a Group Shared Policy on Better Mutual Relationship with Animals and is working to promote animal welfare in its value chain.

Performance

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Livestock Traceability Survey

In fiscal 2018, Ajinomoto Co., Inc. shared the Group Shared Policy on Better Mutual Relationship with Animals with all primary suppliers in Japan, and began a traceability survey of its supply chain with 23 meat and meat extract suppliers in Japan. Information on the status of suppliers' compliance with country-of-origin regulations and guidelines and ability to trace product back to farms is being collected and used to identify issues and categorize risks. Ajinomoto Frozen Foods Co., Inc. is also preparing to conduct a similar survey.

From fiscal 2019 onward, the Group will implement the above-mentioned survey at Ajinomoto Frozen Foods Co., Inc, and also collect information on chicken eggs, meat, and other raw materials gaining increased interest from an animal welfare perspective. Overseas, the Group will keep track of the status of legal development and target raw materials, and plan to share policies among suppliers.

Feed-use Amino Acids as Solution to Animal Nutrition Issues

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Proteins, indispensable compounds for all animals, consist of approximately 20 different amino acids, several of which cannot be synthesized internally in sufficient quantities. These amino acids can be supplemented through the animal's feed.

Adding feed-use amino acids can improve the essential amino acid profile of feeds that consist mainly of wheat and/or corn and thus are poorly balanced. The improved amino acid balance not only can increase feed efficiency and promote growth, but also can reduce environmental impact by reducing excreted nitrogen.