In fiscal 2018, the number of serious accidents across the whole Ajinomoto Group declined. The number of caught-in-machinery declined, however, critical fall accident cases of employees over 45 years old increased in Japan. The number of low back pain incidents increased although they did not lead to serious incidents.

Starting from fiscal 2019, the Group plans to implement measures to prevent falls and low back pain as well as traffic safety education and guidance that focus on factors specific to each site; measures to prevent caught-in-machinery accidents during equipment cleaning and maintenance and other incidental work; and measures that reinforce PDCA cycle operations by advancing ISO 45001 certification and adopting the occupational safety and health management guide.

Response to safety and health laws and accidents

Performance

In fiscal 2018, there were nine cases of legal violations at three Group companies (three sites) in Japan. All of these cases have been fully addressed upon receipt of corrective advice and no serious accidents have occurred related to these violations. The Group will continue to conduct assessments, safety audits and inspections for the safety and security of production activities.

Employee education

Performance

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The Ajinomoto Group conducts a variety of occupational safety and health training tailored to the work role and tasks of employees. In addition, a skills map that classifies the skills and knowledge required of all occupational safety and health officers at each site was created and shared within the Group.

Training at Group companies in Japan in fiscal 2018

Persons, cumulative in () Number of Name of training Details Recipients trainees Occupational Seminar for top management to acquire the necessary safety and health knowledge (e.g., responsibility to consider safety) and to learn safety and health Managers 43 (468) seminar for top how to promote safety and health in a company (one full-day course) : management Began in fiscal 2010 Acquisition of the necessary knowledge and skills as ISO 45001 Training course internal auditors to promote occupational safety and health through Leadership for ISO 45001 28 (28) exercises (one one-day course, one two-day course): Began in fiscal positions internal auditors 2018 Training for supervisors of chemical substances/safety and health Basic seminar for to improve their skills by reviewing basic information on chemicals the management Chemicals management (regulatory changes, risk assessment, safety data 10 (98) of chemical supervisors sheets (SDS), GHS labeling) (one full-day course) : Began in fiscal substances 2015 Training to consider the mechanisms and causes of falls and lower Fall and lower back pain, and study measures from equipment, work method and back pain Management physical aspects that will lead to the management guiding, inspiring 26 (69) prevention positions and practicing such measures in the workplace (one one-day seminar course): Began in fiscal 2017 Training to study the mechanisms of falls, raise awareness through Management survey and self-check, experience actual body-movement exercises, Fall prevention positions / learn how to prevent fall accidents, consider equipment- and work 15 (15) seminar leadership method-related measures suited to each workplace, and study how positions to put them into practice (one one-day course): Began in fiscal 2018