

PRESS RELEASE

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Ajinomoto Group and CJ Group Settle Monosodium Glutamate Patent Litigation

Litigation in Germany Terminated by Settlement Payment from CJ Group

TOKYO, February 27, 2023 – Ajinomoto Co., Inc. (“Ajinomoto Co.”) has reached a settlement with CJ CheilJedang Corp. of South Korea and its subsidiaries (collectively “CJ Group”), handling import and sales of monosodium glutamate products, to terminate patent litigation in Germany. Ajinomoto Group filed the patent litigation relating to processes for manufacturing monosodium glutamate products in Düsseldorf District Court on August 1, 2016. Ajinomoto Group has received a settlement payment from CJ Group and the pending German litigation has been withdrawn.

As a result of this, all patent litigations filed against CJ Group in 2016 have been terminated by settlement.

No.	Content	Country of litigation	Start of litigation	Result	Settlement date
1	Feed-use Amino Acid	USA	May 2016	Ajinomoto Group received settlement payments, litigations were withdrawn	Mar 2022
2		Germany			Nov 2022
3	Monosodium Glutamate	Japan	Aug 2016		May 2022
4		Germany			Dec 2022

The Ajinomoto Group will continue its research and development so as to further contribute to solving health issues by utilizing the knowledge and technology cultivated through more than 100 years of amino acid research. We believe that infringement of patent rights and other intellectual property rights hinders such research efforts, and we will continue to enforce and protect our intellectual property rights.

Reference

Press release dated March 9, 2022

Ajinomoto Group and CJ Group Settles US Patent Litigation
CJ Group Pays Settlement Money

https://www.ajinomoto.com/cms_wp_ajmnt_global/wp-content/uploads/pdf/2022_03_09_01E.pdf

Press release dated May 31, 2022

Ajinomoto Co., Inc. and CJ Japan Corp. Settle Japan Patent Litigation
Regarding Manufacturing Process for Monosodium Glutamate (MSG) Products
CJ Japan Pays Settlement Money

https://www.ajinomoto.com/cms_wp_ajmnt_global/wp-content/uploads/pdf/2022_05_31E.pdf

Press release dated January 17, 2023

Ajinomoto Group and CJ Group Settles Feed-use Amino Acid Patent Litigation
Litigation in Germany Terminated by Settlement Payment from CJ Group

https://www.ajinomoto.com/cms_wp_ajmnt_global/wp-content/uploads/pdf/2023_01_17E.pdf

The Ajinomoto Group, unlocking the power of amino acids, aims to resolve food and health issues associated with dietary habits and aging, and contribute to greater wellness for people worldwide.

Based on the corporate message “Eat Well, Live Well.”, we have been scientifically pursuing the possibilities of amino acids to aim for future growth by creating new value through sustainable and innovative solutions for communities and society.

The Ajinomoto Group has offices in 36 countries and regions, and sells products in more than 130 countries and regions. In fiscal 2021, sales were 1.1493 trillion yen (10.2 billion U.S. dollars). To learn more, visit www.ajinomoto.com.

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