



**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Ajinomoto Group and CJ Group Settles US Patent Litigation**

### **CJ Group Pays Settlement Money**

**Tokyo, March 9th, 2022** – Ajinomoto Co., Inc. and Ajinomoto Health and Nutrition North America (collectively “Ajinomoto Group”) have reached a settlement agreement with CJ CheilJedang Corp. of South Korea and its subsidiaries (collectively “CJ Group”) to terminate patent litigation in the United States. Ajinomoto Group filed the patent litigation relating to processes for manufacturing Tryptophan in the United States International Trade Commission and the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York in May 2016.

Ajinomoto Group has received a settlement payment from CJ Group and the pending U.S. litigation has been dismissed. Ajinomoto Group’s patents remain valid and enforceable.

Ajinomoto Co., Inc. also filed suit against the CJ Group in Germany in the Düsseldorf District Court in May 2016. This patent litigation is not included in the settlement and remains pending.

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 May 11, 2016

Ajinomoto Co., Inc. Files Patent Infringement Suits in the United States and Europe Regarding Tryptophan

[https://www.ajinomoto.co.jp/company/en/presscenter/press/detail/g2016\\_05\\_11.html](https://www.ajinomoto.co.jp/company/en/presscenter/press/detail/g2016_05_11.html)

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 35 countries and regions, and sells products in more than 130 countries and regions. In fiscal 2020, sales were 1.0714 trillion yen (10.1 billion U.S. dollars). To learn more, visit [www.ajinomoto.com](http://www.ajinomoto.com).

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